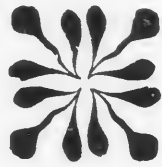


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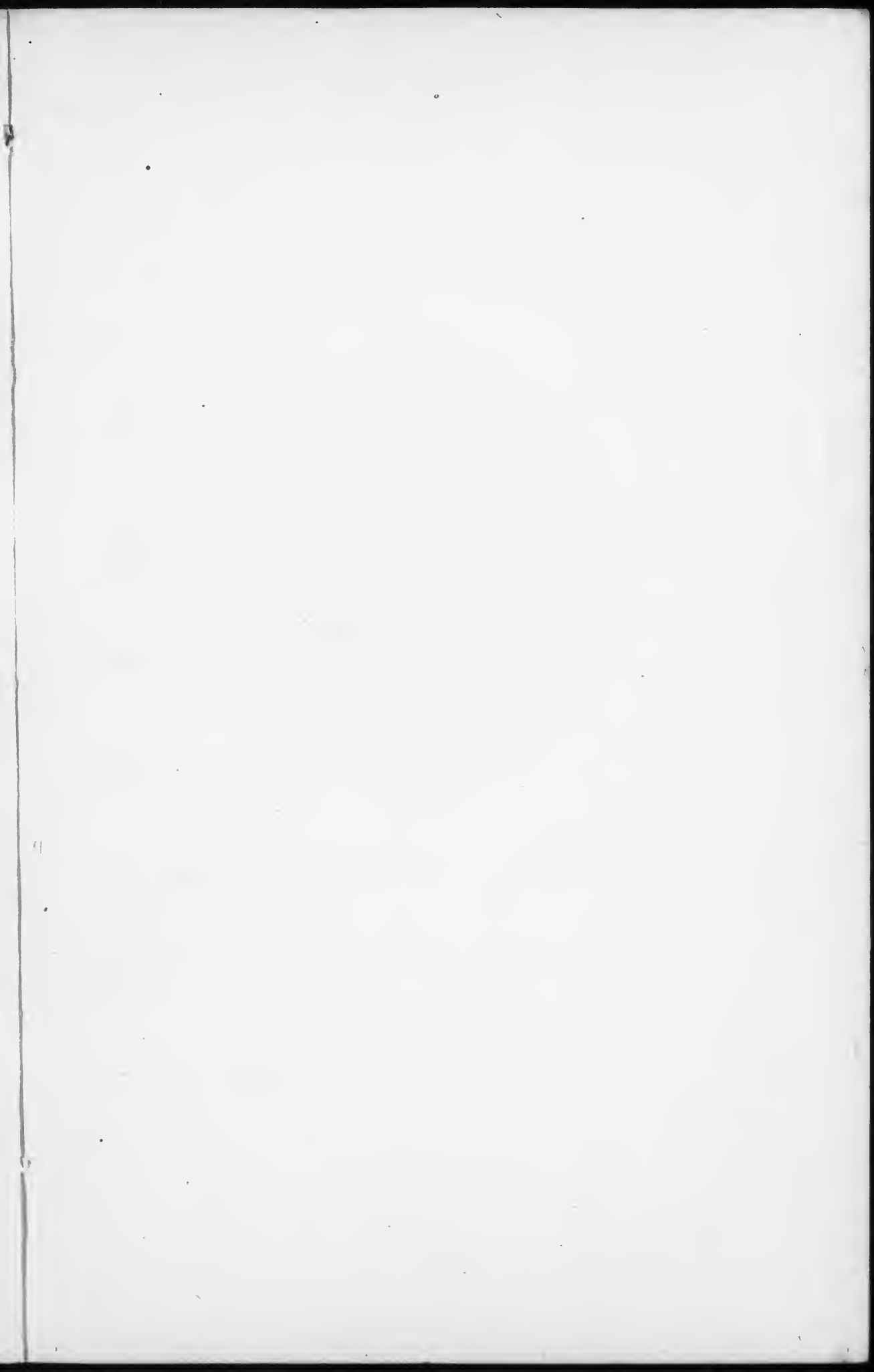
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Addresses by Col. A. J. Jolley, H. G. Tilton,
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Drs. VanDoran and Paddock, and President J. W.
Mauck of State University. Responses by
Rev. T. H. Youngman, Mrs. Hattie W. Jenkins
and Bishop John H. Vincent.
- Oct. 14, 7:30 P. M.—Epworth League Anniversary.
W. H. Jordan, D. D., chairman.
Address by Dr. E. A. Schell, General Secretary.
- Oct. 15, 2:30 P. M.—Anniversary W. F. M. S.
Mrs L. P. Hauser, chairman.
Address by Dr. M. C. Wilcox, of Foochow (China)
Conference.
7:30 P. M.—Lecture: "People in School and Out" by Bishop
John H. Vincent.
- Oct. 16, 3:00 P. M.—Missionary Sermon by Rev. A. C. Stevens of
Redfield.
7:30 P. M.—Sermon by Dr. E. E. Clough, Presiding Elder
Black Hills Conference.
- Oct. 17, 4:00 P. M.—Prohibition Conference. A. E. Carhart, chairman.
Several speakers.
8:00 P. M.—Educational Anniversary. C. B. Clark, D.D., chm.
Addresses, President W. I. Graham, Dr. W. H.
Jordan and Bishop Vincent.
- Oct. 18, 9:30 A. M.—Conference Love Feast, led by H. M. Springer.
10:30 A. M.—Ordination of Deacons.
11:00 A. M.—Sermon by Bishop John H. Vincent, D. D. LL.D.
3:00 P. M.—Ordination of Elders and Baptismal Service.
7:00 P. M.—Prohibition Anniversary. A. E. Carhart, chairman.
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| 2 DeSmet, F. J. Norton. | 1 Redfield, Lewis Bradford. |
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| hard. | 1 Jordan Church, G. T. Notson. |
| 2 Elk Point, F. T. Nicholls. | 1 East Sioux Falls, supplied by Thomas Morris. |
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| 1 Gayville, J. G. Hall. | 1 Wakonda, W. O. Redfield. |
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Allison, J D.....	Scotland.....	1858	South Dakota	1891	1891	Sup'y	"
Baker, Frank.....	Illinois.....	1860	South Dakota	1894	1892	Eff've	Mt. Vernon
Bevis, R. B.....	Ontario.....	1861	.....	.....	1896	"	Hurley
*Boggs, A R.....	Ohio.....	1835	Michigan.....	1870	C'r	"	Mitchell
Botkin, C H.....	.....	.....	Cent Illinois...	1886	1886	Sup'y	"
Bradford, L.....	New York.....	1842	Miss.....	1875	C'r	Eff've	Redfield
Bromaghin, F L.....	.....	.....	South Dakota	1895	1893	"	Warren
Brown, S H.....	Ontario.....	1866	South Dakota	1896	.....	"	Elkton
Brown, S F.....	Pennsylvania.....	1825	Wyoming.....	1866	C'r	Sup't	"
Burdick, F A.....	Ontario.....	1852	N W Iowa.....	1879	C'r	Eff've	Wilmot
Carhart, A E.....	New York.....	1846	South Dakota	1892	1892	.....	Elk Point
Chamberlain, D W.....	.....	.....	N W Iowa.....	.....	C'r	Sup't	Scotland
Chappel, E S.....	Ohio.....	1854	South Dakota	1892	1892	Eff've	Chicago, Ill.
Clark, C B.....	New York.....	1839	Iowa.....	1864	1885	"	Huron
Cleworth, G D.....	Canada.....	1865	South Dakota	1887	1887	"	Evanston, Ill.
Colvin A H.....	.....	.....	South Dakota	1893	1893	Eff've	"
Corwin, G J.....	New York.....	1842	South Dakota	1886	1886	"	Armour
Cory, W H.....	Wisconsin.....	1850	South Dakota	1891	1891	"	Centerville
Curl, H T.....	Indiana.....	1840	Des Moines.....	1867	C'r	Sup't	"
Dean, E E.....	New York.....	1854	Dakota	1896	.....	Eff've	Winthrop
Deeble, W D.....	England.....	1858	South Dakota	1888	1888	"	Bath
Dexter, A D.....	Nova Scotia.....	1840	Maine.....	1868	1889	"	Clark
Dibble, J B.....	Wisconsin.....	1860	South Dakota	1890	1890	"	Arlington
*Dobson, J O.....	England.....	1848	Up Iowa.....	1883	1892	"	Sioux Falls
Fowler, A.....	Canada.....	1862	Dakota	1896	1896	"	Yankton
Gram, W O.....	Canada.....	1862	South Dakota	1893	1893	"	Mound City
Hager, C E.....	New York.....	1852	Up Iowa.....	1878	C'r	"	Vermillion
Hall, J G.....	Pennsylvania.....	1852	Ohio.....	1879	1886	"	Gayville
Hail, E P.....	New York.....	1856	North Dakota	.....	1896	"	Watertown
Haynes, Herbert.....	Ohio.....	1863	South Dakota	1894	1891	Sup'y	"
Harkness, J S.....	.....	.....	Wesleyan.....	1894	1894	Eff've	Bradley
Hartsough, Lewis.....	New York.....	1828	Oneida.....	1853	C'r	Sup't	"
Hopkins, G F.....	Illinois.....	1862	Brit Columbia	1888	1893	Eff've	Flandreau
Irwin, W H.....	Ontario.....	1862	South Dakota	1888	1888	"	Salem
Jamieson, A.....	Ontario.....	1837	N W Iowa.....	1872	C'r	"	Hudson
Jaues, A P.....	New York.....	1867	South Dakota	1890	1890	"	Tyndall
Jenkins, J P.....	Mass.....	1860	South Dakota	1887	1883	Eff've	Madison
Jolly, A J.....	England.....	1866	Bulgaria.....	1893	1894	"	Fulton
Jordan, W H.....	Mass.....	1857	South Dakota	1887	1887	"	Sioux Falls
Knight, H F.....	Wisconsin.....	1850	Wisconsin.....	1883	1891	"	Clear Lake
Lewtas, John.....	England.....	1870	South Dakota	1893	1893	"	Dell Rapids
MacDuffee, F C.....	N Hampshire.....	1865	South Dakota	1894	1894	"	Groton
MacLean, L.....	Nova Scotia.....	1847	Central Illinois	1883	1895	"	White
Matteson, C E.....	Michigan.....	1860	South Dakota	1892	1890	"	Canton
MacLean, D C.....	.....	.....	South Dakota	1890	1890	"	Webster
Minty, W F.....	England.....	1844	Rock River.....	1877	C'r	"	Britton
Nicholls, F T.....	England.....	1858	South Dakota	1889	1889	"	Elk Point
Nickerson, M E.....	Illinois.....	1856	N W Iowa.....	1885	C'r	"	Scotland
Norton, F J.....	.....	.....	Upper Iowa.....	.....	1895	"	DeSmet
Norvell, J E.....	Iowa.....	1859	N W Iowa.....	1885	C'r	"	Highmore
Notson, G T.....	Iowa.....	1865	Des Moines.....	1892	1894	"	Sioux Falls
Parker, G F.....	Canada.....	.....	South Dakota	1895	1895	"	Oneida
Phillips, O A.....	Vermont.....	1840	U Breth.....	1863	C'r	"	Alcester
Redfield, W O.....	Pennsylvania.....	1854	South Dakota	1890	1890	"	Wakonda
Rifenbark, D.....	New York.....	1849	N W Iowa.....	1885	C'r	"	Parker
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*Springer, H. M.	Illinois.	1842	W. Wisconsin	1864	C'r	..	Watertown
Sproul, O. H.	Canada.	1846	Upper Iowa	1873	C'r	Eff've	Pierre
Stavelly, R. M.	England.	1859	South Dakota	1894	1894	Sup'y	
Stevens, A. C.	Vermont.	1870	South Dakota	1894	1892	..	Mitchell
Stewart, W. B.	Scotland.	1864	South Dakota	1893	1893	..	Lennox
Sanderson, T.	Ontario.	1864	Dakota	1895	1895	.....	Northville
Tanner, A. E.	New York.	1838	Genesee	1883	1883	..	Beresford
Underwood, Wm.	Ohio.	1832	Rock River	1853	1887	..	White Lake
Walker, T. H.	Ontario.	1836	Can. Wesleyan	1864	C'r	Sup't	
Washburn, S.	New York.	1830	Rock River	1863	1887	..	
Welch, W. M.					1887	Sup'y	
Wheeler, F. H.	N. Hampshire	1852	South Dakota	1888	1888	..	
Wilkinson, Thos.	England.	1838	Prim. Meth.	1871	1891	Sup't	Mt. Vernon, Ia
Williams, O.	Pennsylvania	1837	Des Moines	1860	1892	Eff've	Milbank
Youngman, T. H.	England.	1837	Oneida	1867	1891	..	Brookings
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2. *Who have been readmitted?* None.
3. *Who have been received on credentials, and from what churches?*
Alfred Fowler, from Presbyterian Church of Canada; Reuben B. Beavis from the Methodist Church of Canada.
4. *Who have been received on trial? (a) In studies of first year?*
William S. Shepherd, Louis L. Lane, Arthur C. Shepherd, Isaac B. Sevy, Peter A. Jordan, Harvey F. Hitch, Amos R. Emmott. *(b) In studies of third year?* None.
5. *Who have been continued on trial? (a) In studies of first year?* None. *(b) In studies of second year?* Albert W. Thurston, Hiram S. Coon, Wm. L. Meinzer, Wm. A. Green, Isaac P. Potter, Samuel J. Watson, John Kaye, Gilbert D. Brown, Chas. O. Walker.
6. *Who have been discontinued?* Henry B. Clearwater, Albert W. Hakes.
7. *Who have been admitted into full membership? (a) Elected and ordained Deacons this year?* Sylvester H. Brown, James T. Gurney, Edmund E. Dean, Thomas Sanderson. *(b) Elected and ordained Deacons previously?* None.

8. *What members are in study of third year?* (a) *Admitted into full membership this year?* Sylvester H. Brown, James T. Gurney, Edmund E. Dean, Thomas Sanderson. (b) *Admitted into full membership previously?* Elwin W. Akers, Wm. O. Gram, Robert M. Stavely, H. F. Knight.

9. *What members are in studies of fourth year?* Joseph G. Morrison, George H. Parker, Frank L. Bromaghim, Herbert Haynes, Donald C. McLean, W. H. Colvin.

10. *What members have completed the Conference course of study?*
(a) *Elected and ordained elders this year.* Nathan Fawell, Frank Baker, Gary T. Notson, Frank C. MacDuffee, Alexander C. Stevens.
(b) *Elected and ordained elders previously.* Arthur J. Jolley.

11. *What others have been elected and ordained deacons?* None.

12. *What others have been elected and ordained elders?* None.

13. *Was the character of each preacher examined?* This was strictly done in open Conference.

14. *Who have been transferred, and to what Conferences?* W. H. Vance to North Dakota Conference; C. H. Smith to New England So. Conference; J. G. Morrison to Minnesota Northern Conference; Nathan Fawell to Black Hills Conference; G. H. Burge to Michigan Conference; A. D. Smith to Minnesota Northern Conference; J. W. Stokesbury to Missouri Conference; M. R. Hackman to Central New York Conference; Wm. J. Pyle to Black Hills Conference; A. W. Adkinson to East Ohio Conference; James T. Gurney to Detroit Conference.

15. *Who have died?* None.

16. *Who have been located at their own request?* None.

17. *Who have been located?* None.

18. *Who have withdrawn?* Wm. C. Cleworth, E. W. Sage.

19. *Who have been permitted to withdraw under charges or complaints?* None.

20. *Who have been expelled?* E. S. Darling.

21. *What other personal notation should be made?* None.

22. *Who are the supernumerary preachers?* Wm. W. Welch, C. H. Botkin, F. H. Wheeler, Herbert Haynes, Robt. M. Stavely, J. D. Allison.

23. *Who are the superannuated preachers?* D. W. Chamberlain, H. T. Curl, S. F. Brown, T. H. Walker, L. Hartsough, Thos. Wilkinson, S. Washburn.

24. *Who are the triers of appeal?* E. P. Hall, H. M. Springer, C. B. Clark, Wm. Underwood, J. G. Hall, Duane Rifenbark, A. P. Janes.

25. *What is the statistical report for this year?* See report.

26. What is the aggregate of the benevolent collections as reported by the Conference Treasurer? \$9,237.00.

27. What are the claims of the conference fund? \$1,218.00.

28. What has been received on these claims, and how has it been applied? \$1,218.00 distributed to conference claimants.

29. Where are the preachers stationed? See list of appointments—pages 5 and 6.

30. Where shall the next conference be held? Mitchell.

DAKOTA CONFERENCE

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MISSIONARY APPROPRIATIONS.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

District.....	\$ 400	Fredrick.....	100
Andover.....	140	Groton.....	100
Ashton.....	90	Hecta and Claremont.....	100
Bath, Columbia, Putney.....	90	Leola.....	100
Bangor.....	100	Mound City.....	100
Bowdle.....	50	Northville.....	80
Britton.....	160	Roscoe.....	40
Coude.....	100	Warner Center.....	140
De Voe.....	80		
Doland.....	100	Total.....	\$2,150
Eureka.....	100		

HURON DISTRICT.

Alpena.....	100	Oneida.....	80
Burdette.....	80	Pierre 1st Church and East Pierre	160
Cavour.....	80	Redfield.....	100
De Smet.....	190	Westington.....	100
Faulton.....	110	Winthrop.....	90
Forest City.....	60	Westington Springs.....	100
Gettysburg.....	125	Wolsey.....	95
Highmore and Bunt.....	110	District.....	400
Hitchcock.....	70		
Iroquois.....	120	Total.....	\$ 2,300
Miller and St. Lawrence.....	130		

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Alexandria.....	\$ 100	Parkston and Tripp.....	120
Armour and Belmont.....	120	Plankinton.....	140
Artesian.....	50	Salem.....	120
Bridgewater.....	100	Scotland.....	120
Edgerton.....	100	Tyndall and Springfield.....	100
Ethan.....	100	White Lake.....	150
Fulton.....	100	Woonsocket.....	120
Howard.....	100	District.....	370
Kimball.....	120		
Mt. Vernon.....	90	Total.....	\$ 2220

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

Alcester.....	\$ 40	Hurley.....	150
Beresford.....	50	Lentox.....	50
Centerville.....	80	Montrose.....	102
Dell Rapids.....	60	Jordan Church.....	250
Egan.....	50	Wakonda.....	80
Elk Point and Richland.....	60	District.....	300
East Sioux Falls.....	60		
Hartford.....	50	Total.....	\$ 1454
Hudson.....	72		

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Arlington.....	\$ 50	Milbank and Albans.....	80
Big Stone City.....	60	Nisseton.....	148
Bradley.....	75	Twin Brooks.....	70
Bristol and Butler.....	75	Waubay.....	74
Bruce.....	40	White.....	25
Clark.....	120	Willow Lakes.....	100
Elkton.....	74	Wilmot.....	200
Henry.....	100	District.....	400
Kampeska.....	90		
Lake Preston.....	95	Total.....	\$ 1876

We submit the above appropriations of missionary funds for the Conference.

J. S. AKERS, Chairman.

HENRY M. SPRINGER, Sec'y.

I concur in the above missions and appropriations.

JOHN H. VINCENT, President.

JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY—Wednesday, Oct. 14, 1896.

OPENING.—The Twelfth Annual Session of the Dakota Conference opened at 8.30 A. M. at the M. E. Church at Vermillion, South Dakota, Bishop John H. Vincent, D. D. LL. D., presiding.

After singing of the opening hymn, prayer and reading of the Scriptures by the Bishop, the Presiding Elders, Drs. W. T. Smith and H. C. Jennings assisted in the administering of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

ROLL CALL.—The Roll was called and the following brethren responded:

MEMBERS.—J. S. Akers, Baker, Boggs, Bradford, Bromaghin, Carhart, Clark, Corwin, Cory, Deeble, Dexter, Dibble, Dobson, Fawell, Gram, Hager, Hopkins, Irwin, Jamieson, Janes, Jenkins, Jolly, Jordan, Lewtas, L. McLean, D. C. McLean, Matteson, Morrison, Nazarene, Nicholls, Nickerson, Norton, Norvell, Notson, Parker, Redfield, Sills, Simmons, Springer, Sproul, Stevens, Stewart, Tanner, Underwood, Williams, Youngman, 46.

PROBATIONERS.—S. H. Brown, G. D. Brown, Coon, Dean, Green, Meinzer, Potter, Thurston, Watson, 9.

OFFICERS.—J. P. Jenkins was elected Secretary and nominated G. T. Notson and A. C. Stevens as his assistants, who were elected.

A. P. Janes was elected Statistical Secretary, with M. E. Nickerson, H. S. Coon, C. E. Matteson, W. D. Deeble and J. B. Dibble, assistants.

D. Rifenbark was elected Treasurer, and O. H. Sproul and D. C. McLean were named to assist him.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—The Presiding Elders nominated the following Standing Committees, which were elected:

CHURCH EXTENSION—W. D. Deeble, F. J. Norton, Wm. Underwood, W. H. Cory, H. F. Knight.

EDUCATION—C. B. Clark, L. Bradford, W. H. Jordan, E. P. Hall, F. C. McDuffee.

PROHIBITION—O. A. Phillips, A. E. Carhart, L. McLean, F. W. Nazarene, J. E. Norvell.

SABBATH OBSERVANCE—Wm. B. Stewart, J. S. Harkness, W. O. Gram, E. E. Dean, Wm. Underwood.

CONFERENCE RELATIONS—J. G. Hall, D. C. McLean, W. H. Irwin, G. F. Hopkins, F. C. MacDuffee.

S. S. AND TRACTS—G. H. Parker, R. N. Kratz, C. E. Matteson, S. H. Brown, F. L. Bromaghim.

AUDITING P. E.'S ACCOUNTS—A. P. Janes, W. O. Redfield, B. C. Sills, A. J. Jolly, G. D. Brown.

BIBLE CAUSE—John Lewtas, D. C. McLean, W. O. Gram, A. W. Thurston, S. J. Watson.

RESOLUTIONS—O. Williams, F. C. MacDuffee, C. B. Clark, W. S. Shepherd, W. H. Cory.

W. F. M. S.—F. W. Nazarene, James Clulow, Wm. L. Meinzer, D. Rifenbark.

W. H. M. S.—L. McLean, W. B. Stewart, F. L. Bromaghim, James Clulow, W. H. Irwin.

MEMOIRS—C. B. Clark, W. F. Minty, W. H. Cory.

F. A. & S. E. SOCIETY—L. McLean, A. J. Jolly, G. H. Parker, W. H. Irwin, C. E. Matteson.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS—F. W. Nazarene, A. C. Stevens, Nathan Fawell, T. H. Youngman, J. G. Hall.

STATE OF THE CHURCH—O. H. Sproul, S. J. Watson, C. E. Hager, W. D. Deeble, D. C. McLean.

POSTOFFICES—A. W. Thurston, W. A. Green, John Kaye, S. H. Brown, Frank Baker.

CHURCH LITERATURE—J. G. Hall, F. T. Nicholls, A. D. Dexter, Amos Emmott, F. J. Norton.

BOOK ACCOUNTS—C. E. Matteson, S. H. Brown, F. L. Bromaghim, J. G. Morrison, T. Sanderson.

PUBLIC WORSHIP—J. O. Dobson, C. E. Hager.

GOSPEL IN ALL LANDS.—W. O. Redfield was appointed to canvass for new subscribers for "Gospel in All Lands," and J. G. Morrison to collect for the same publication.

N. Y. BOOK ACCOUNTS.—W. H. Cory was appointed to collect New York Book Accounts.

EPISCOPAL FUND.—The apportionment for the Episcopal Fund was announced by the Bishop as \$649, and was referred to the Presiding Elders.

TIME OF MEETING.—The time of meeting was fixed at 8:30 A. M., and the hour of adjournment at 12 M.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.—On motion the time for voting on Constitutional Changes was fixed for 11 A. M., Saturday.

DIVIDENDS.—The Bishop announced dividends from the Chartered Fund of \$22, and from the Book Concern of \$670. Drafts were ordered and signed for the same.

CONFERENCE BAR —The Bar of the Conference was fixed at the row of seats under the front of the gallery.

13th Question: "Was the Character of each Preacher Examined?"

The character of each Presiding Elder passed and he reported his district.

The effective elders were also passed in character, except E. S. Darling whose case was ordered referred to a select number.

E. S. DARLING.—W. H. Jordan and C. B. Clark were appointed to assist the Bishop in nominating the select number of eleven.

The following were named as the select number and they were elected: L. Bradford, E. P. Hall, A. D. Dexter, J. E. Norvell, John Lewtas, W. F. Minty, O. Williams, F. W. Nazarene, F. T. Nicholls, A. Jamieson, W. H. Cory.

F. A. Burdick and T. H. Youngman were recognized as counsel for the defense.

Wm. Underwood and F. J. Norton were appointed counsel for the Church.

Nathan Fawell was elected Assistant Secretary to act as secretary in the hearing of this case.

C. B. Clark was appointed Chairman by the Bishop to represent him at the trial.

TRANSFERS.—The Bishop announced the transfer of E. P. Hall from North Dakota Conference, and also of W. H. Vance to the North Dakota Conference.

REPORTS.—Voted that each pastor in representing his charge, report Missionary, Church Extension, Dakota University, Conference Claimants, and whether or not all the collections were taken and all apportionments met.

The following effective elders reported their collections: F. W. Nazarene, W. D. Deeble, F. J. Norton, J. E. Norvell, C. B. Clark, J. D. Allison, A. P. Janes, M. E. Nickerson, O. H. Sproul, L. Bradford, O. A. Phillips, W. H. Irwin, Wm. Underwood, J. G. Hall, W. H. Cory, G. F. Hopkins, F. T. Nicholls, W. B. Stewart, W. O. Redfield, John Lewtas, J. P. Jenkins, C. E. Matteson, W. H. Jordan, J. B. Dibble, J. S. Harkness, Lauchlin McLean, B. C. Sills, O. Williams, E. P. Hall, F. A. Burdick, G. J. Corwin, A. E. Tanner.

INTRODUCTIONS.—E. P. Hall, Drs. W. T. Smith, E. A. Schell, Arthur Edwards and H. C. Jennings were introduced; also Dr. M. C. Wilcox, Missionary of Foo Chow (China) Conference, who spoke briefly for the W. F. M. S. which he represents.

Dr. Schell addressed the Conference in the interests of the Epworth League Reading Course.

Dr. Jennings made an announcement.

POSTMASTER.—Frank Baker was elected postmaster.

CANDIDATES FOR ADMISSION.—Voted that all candidates for admission on trial and all seeking admission by credentials, appear before the Committee on Conference Relations.

CLOSING.—After announcements were made Dr. Smith gave a brief address and pronounced the benediction.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

OPENING.—The Bishop announced two stanzas of hymn number 762. After singing, Dr. Edwards offered prayer.

The minutes of morning session were read and approved.

STATISTICS.—The Statistical Secretary called the list of charges and received statistics from the pastors.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP.—A committee on Christian Citizenship was raised, consisting of O. H. Sproul, L. Bradford, W. H. Jordan, F. W. Nazarene, T. H. Youngman.

MISSIONARY ADDRESS.—Dr. W. T. Smith, Missionary Secretary addressed the conference and took subscriptions for "World Wide Missions."

BISHOP'S ADDRESS.—Bishop Vincent addressed the conference on the subject of the "All Around Methodist Episcopal Preacher."

ADJOURNMENT.—Announcements were made. committees called and conference adjourned in silence, with benediction by Dr. Edwards.

SECOND DAY—Thursday, Oct. 15.

OPENING.—Devotional study of the first chapter of Ephesians led by the Bishop, followed by prayer by Dr. Schell.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

ABSENTEES.—The roll of absentees was called and the following brethren responded.

MEMBERS.—Allison, Knight, MacDuffee, Minty, Phillips, Rifenbark—6.

PROBATIONERS.—John Kaye.

TRANSFERS.—The transfers of J. W. Stokesbury to the

Missouri Conference and M. R. Hackman to the Central New York Conference were announced.

9th Question: "What Members are in studies of the Fourth Year?"

The following were passed in character, reported their collections, were represented by the Examiners and their Presiding Elders and advanced to the studies of the fourth year: Jos. G. Morrison, Frank C. MacDuffee, Geo. H. Parker, Frank L. Bromaghim, Donald C. McLean and Herbert Haynes.

The last four named were conditioned on Psychology.

Wm. O. Gram, Henry F. Knight, Robert M. Stavely and E. W. Akers were continued in the studies of the third year.

Wm. O. Gram was credited with the Supernatural Book, Hermeneutics and Exegesis.

E. W. Akers was left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

22d Question was considered and Wm. M. Welch, Herbert Haynes, E. W. Sage and R. M. Stavely were continued in the supernumerary relation.

F. H. Wheeler was continued and his Presiding Elder instructed to correspond with him.

WITHDRAWN. —Wm. C. Cleworth was permitted to withdraw from the ministry and membership of our church.

C. H. BOTKIN. —C. H. Botkin was continued in the supernumerary relation and his case referred for investigation to the Presiding Elder of the Watertown District, who was instructed to certify to him, unless he makes some satisfactory settlement with the Book Concern, charges will be preferred against him.

NORTHWESTERN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE. —Dr. Edwards addressed the Conference in the interests of the Northwestern Christian Advocate.

Voted that we hail with delight the coming of the new "Northwest-

ern," with its contemplated changes and pledge our renewed efforts to increase its circulation.

BOOK CONCERN.—Dr. Jennings spoke for the interests of our Book Concern.

EXTENSION OF TIME.—On motion the time was extended.

ASBURY METHODIST HOSPITAL.—Rev. E. S. Pilling, Financial Agent for Asbury Methodist Hospital and Rebecca Deaconess' Home of Minneapolis, was introduced and gave a brief statement of the work done in the past year.

AMERICAN BIBLE SOCIETY.—Rev. J. T. Evans was introduced and spoke for the American Bible Society, of which he is district agent.

CLOSING.—Delinquent charges were called by the Treasurer and after announcements were made, the session adjourned with the benediction by Bro. Evans.

THIRD DAY—Friday, Oct. 16.

OPENING.—The Bishop gave an exposition of the second chapter of Ephesians, and Rev. S. E. Ryan of the North Dakota Conference followed with prayer.

The minutes were read and approved.

4th Question was called: "Who were admitted on Trial?"

Eleven candidates, being duly recommended by their Quarterly Conferences, were introduced.

Wm. S. Shepherd and Louis L. Lane were recommended by the Committee on Conference Relations and represented by their Examiners and Presiding Elders, and were admitted on trial.

BOOK ACCOUNTS.—Dr. Jennings spoke in regard to settlement of Book Accounts.

Voted that the Board of Stewards shall retain 10 per cent. of the appropriations to Conference Claimants indebted to the Book Concern, to be applied on their accounts; and that this shall be a standing rule of the Conference.

7th Question: The order of the day was taken up and the following brethren, candidates for admission into full connection, were called forward and were addressed and questioned by the Bishop: Sylvester H. Brown, Edmund E. Dean, Thomas Sanderson, Jas. T. Gurney.

TRANSFER.—The transfer of Jas. T. Gurney from Detroit Conference was announced.

INVITATION.—A communication from President Mauck inviting the Conference to visit the State University was received and acknowledged by a rising vote of thanks, and with expressions of regret at not being able to accept on account of pressure of business.

TIME EXTENDED.—On motion the time was extended.

E. S. DARLING.—The select number in the case of E. S. Darling reported as follows:

Your select committee entrusted with the case of E. S. Darling, find the accused guilty of the charge, and he is hereby deposed from the ministry and expelled from the membership of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Signed,

C. B. CLARK, Chairman.

NATHAN FAWELL, Secretary.

APPEAL.—Notice of appeal to the Judicial Conference was made by the counsel in behalf of the defense.

SUPERANNUATE FUND.—On motion of O. H. Sproul, the rate of interest to be charged on loans from the superannuate fund shall hereafter be 7 per cent. per annum, and made only on real estate security.

INTEREST CANCELLED.—Voted that the interest accrued on loan due from the widow of Bro. R. C. St. Clair be cancelled, upon payment of principal.

CLOSING.—Announcements were made, committees called, and the Benediction pronounced by Bishop Vincent.

FOURTH DAY—Saturday, Oct. 17.

OPENING.—Devotional Bible Study was conducted by the Bishop, followed by prayer by Rev. R. N. VanDoren, pastor of the Baptist Church of the city.

The Minutes of the last session were read and approved.

7th Question was resumed and the following brethren reported their work, were represented by their examiners and Presiding Elders, admitted to full connection in the Conference and elected to Deacon's orders: Jas. T. Gurney, Sylvester H. Brown and Thos. Sanderson.

Henry B. Clearwater was discontinued at his own request.

Chas. O. Walker was continued in the studies of the second year.

10th Question was considered.
 "What members have completed the Conference course of Study?"

The characters of the following brethren were passed, they were represented by their Examiners, and Presiding Elders and elected to Elder's orders: Nathan Fawell, Frank Baker, Alexander C. Stevens, Gary T. Notson and Frank C. MacDuffee.

Arthur J. Jolly also completed his Conference course. He was ordained previously under the Missionary rule.

Wm. H. Colvin was continued in the studies of the fourth year and left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

11th and 12th Questions were taken up and there were no recommendations.

4th Question was resumed.

Amos Emmott, Isaac B. Sevy, Peter A. Jordan, Harvey F. Hitch and Arthur C. Shepherd were admitted on trial.

Peter A. Jordan was conditioned on "Men and Books."

Harvey F. Hitch was credited with his examination before the Indiana Conference.

CONSTITUTIONAL CHANGES.—The order of the day was considered and the vote on Proposition I, stood ayes 46, noes 11.

On Proposition II, ayes 33, noes 23.

5th “Who have been continued on Trial?”

Albert W. Thurston made his report, was credited with his studies and advanced to the second year. He also passed on the conditioned study of last year.

Wm. L. Meinzer reported and his character was passed.

EXTENSION OF TIME.—On motion the time was extended. Moved that when we adjourn it be to meet at 2 P. M.

RECOGNITION OF ORDERS.—The ordination of Amos R. Emmott by the Baptist church was recognized in his present relation as equivalent to Deacon's orders.

E. W. SAGE.—A communication from E. W. Sage stated that he had united with the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, and his parchments were placed with the Conference for proper endorsement and ordered to be returned to him.

CLOSING.—Conference adjourned by benediction by H. M. Springer.

FOURTH DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

OPENING.—Conference was called to order at 2 o'clock by the Bishop, and prayer was offered by Bro. Jamieson.

Minutes read and approved.

Moved by W. H. Jordan:

Since there has been a misunderstanding of the rule limiting the age of admission to the conference, and since its strict enforcement at this time would work an injustice, that the rule be suspended this year.

The motion prevailed.

C. B. Clark introduced the following resolution which was adopted.

Resolved. That from this time forth the Dakota Conference shall apply the time limit when application is made for admission on trial; and the age is hereby fixed at 35 years.

5th Question resumed. Hiram S. Coon, Wm. L. Meiner, Wm. A. Green, Isaac P. Potter, Samuel J. Watson, John Kaye and Gilbert D. Brown were continued on trial and advanced to the studies of the second year.

Wm. A. Green was credited with studies upon which he was conditioned last year.

Isaac P. Potter conditioned on Miley's Theology and Christian Perfection.

Samuel J. Watson was credited with such studies in the Conference Course, upon which he showed a standing from Wesleyan University and Garrett Biblical Institute.

Albert W. Hakes was discontinued.

E. E. DEAN.—Edmund E. Dean was admitted into full connection and advanced to the studies of the third year, conditioned upon Logic and Universal History.

F. L. BROMAGHIM.—Frank L. Bromaghim brought up the study upon which he was conditioned last year.

W. J. PYLE.—Wm. J. Pyle was made effective, continued in the studies of the third year and his transfer announced to the Black Hills Conference.

TRANSFERS.—The following transfers were also announced: George H. Burge to the Michigan Conference, C. H. Smith to the New England Southern Conference, Nathan Fawell to the Black Hills Conference, Joseph G. Morrison and A. D. Smith to the Minnesota Northern Conference.

JAS. T. GURNEY.—Jas. T. Gurney was left without appointment to attend one of our schools and afterwards transferred to Detroit Conference.

VISITORS.—Dr. J. W. Shank of the Omaha Christian Advocate was introduced and spoke on behalf of that paper.

R. H. Young of Minneapolis, editor of the Methodist Herald was also introduced and spoke.

23d Question: The following are the Superannuates: Lewis Hartsough, D. W. Chamberlain, H. T. Curl, T. H. Walker, Sanford Washburn, S. F. Brown, Thos. Wilkin-
son.

A. Jamieson was made effective.

3d Question: "Who are received on credentials and from what churches?" The names of R. B. Beavis of the Methodist Church of Canada, and of Alfred Fowler of the Presbyterian Church of Canada, were reported by the committee on Conference Relations and after proper representation, and satisfactory answers to the disciplinary questions, the latter also taking the ordination vows, they were admitted into full membership in the Conference as Elders, and excused from the course of study.

CONFERENCE CLAIMANTS.—The committee on Conference Claimants reported. Adopted. (see report A.)

It was voted that the balance in hand of the Conference Claimants' fund, for this year, be appropriated to Bro. Ed. W. Akers, who is ill in the Asbury Methodist Hospital.

J. G. Hall, T. H. Youngman and E. P. Hall were elected members of the Board of Conference Claimants for three years.

The following resolution passed.

WHEREAS, The support of the superannuated preachers is a debt of honor, and to fail to generously respond to the cry of these hungry veterans is a sin, therefore

Resolved, First, that we pledge a more generous support to these men.

Second, that we will take the collection for the Superannuates the second Sunday in September, to be known as Veterans' Day.

Third, that \$800 be apportioned by the Presiding Elders to the several charges for this cause.

T. H. YOUNGMAN,
J. G. HALL.

GOOD LITERATURE.—The following resolution was adopted:

BE IT RESOLVED that the second week before Christmas of each year be made Good Literature week and that we devote ourselves to the introduction of our literature into the homes of all our people by a thorough house to house canvass and that all our ministers preach on the subject of good literature on the Sabbath following such canvass.

J. O. DOBSON,
C. B. CLARK.

TWELFTH SESSION OF THE

BOARD OF EXAMINERS. Voted the board of Conference Examiners consist of ten members, two from each district.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.—The report of the committee on Education was made the first order of business for the next session.

CLOSING.—After the announcements Conference adjourned with the benediction by A. R. Boggs.

FIFTH DAY—Monday, Oct. 19.

OPENING.—By appointment of the Bishop, H. M. Springer took the chair, and the Conference joined in singing "A Charge to Keep I Have," followed by prayer by A. Jamieson.

The minutes were read and approved.

COLLECTIONS.—Collections taken on Saturday and Sunday for Brothers Ed. W. Akers and H. B. Clearwater were announced. Amount \$140.64.

REPORTS.—The order of the day was taken up and the committee on Education made its report. Adopted. (See Report B.)

The changing of the name of Dakota University, was deferred one year.

President Graham addressed the Conference.

The following committees made their reports which were adopted: Church Extension (Report C), Church Literature (Report D), State of the Church (Report E), Prohibition (Report F), American Bible Society (Report G), Freedman's Aid and Southern Education (Report H), Sunday School Union and Tract Cause (Report I), Sabbath Observance (Report J), Treasurer's Accounts (Report K), Woman's Home Missionary Society (Report L), Woman's Foreign Missionary Society (Report M), Auditing Presiding Elder's Accounts (Report N), Christian Citizenship (Report O), Resolutions (Report P).

CONFERENCE MINUTES.—The Secretary was made publisher of the Conference Minutes and the price was fixed at \$1.50 per dozen, prepaid, and he was instructed to send one dozen to each preacher in charge.

STANDING COMMITTEES.—The following was adopted:

RESOLVED, That the chairman of each standing committee, nominated by the Presiding Elders for the ensuing year, shall designate one of their number to prepare a report to be submitted for consideration at our Annual Conference of 1897.

T. H. YOUNGMAN,
W. H. JORDAN.

CONFERENCE EXPENSES.—Voted that \$8.60 cents be drawn from the treasury to defray expenses, and that a collection be taken for the janitor.

30th Question. Mitchell was chosen as the seat of the next Annual Conference.

Bishop took the chair.

SPECIAL APPOINTMENTS.—The Bishop was requested to appoint E. S. Chappell, agent of the Children's Home Society of Chicago and A. E. Carhart, president of the Non-Partisan Prohibition Union of South Dakota.

J. D. ALLISON.—J. D. Allison was granted a supernumerary relation at his own request.

TO ATTEND SCHOOL.—G. D. Cleworth and W. H. Colvin were left without appointment to attend one of our schools.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.—The directory and statistics of the Epworth Leagues of the Conference were ordered printed in the Minutes.

TEMPERANCE.—Voted that the committee on Prohibition be made the permanent committee on Temperance, auxillary to the General Conference Committee.

BOARD OF EXAMINERS.—The Conference Board of Examiners, as nominated by the Presiding Elders, was elected.

CHRISTIAN CITIZENSHIP.—A committee on Christian Citizenship was raised, (see Standing Committees, page 3.)

TRANSFERS. —The transfers of A. W. Adkinson to East Ohio Conference and of F. W. Nazarene to North Dakota Conference were announced.

MISSIONARY. —The missionary appropriations for the ensuing year were read, (see Missionary Appropriations, page 11.)

The following were chosen District Missionary Secretaries: F. C. MacDuffee, Aberdeen District; F. J. Norton, Huron District; A. C. Stevens, Mitchell District; C. E. Matteson, Sioux Falls District; T. H. Youngman, Watertown District.

W. H. Jordan was appointed to represent our interests before the General Missionary Committee at Detroit, Mich.

Voted that we request an appropriation of not less than \$10,000.

REPORTS. —The Statistical Secretary and the Treasurer, presented their reports which were ordered published.

24th Question: The following were elected as Triers of Appeal. E. P. Hall, H. M. Springer, C. B. Clark, Wm. Underwood, J. G. Hall, Duane Rifenbark, A. P. Janes.

DELEGATES. —A. E. Carhart and J. O. Dobson were elected delegates to the National Convention of the Anti Saloon League.

CLOSING. —After the reading of the appointments and the benediction by the Bishop, the Conference adjourned sine die.

John H. Vincent

President.

J. P. Jenkins

Secretary.

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION,

To the Dakota Annual Conference:

This certifies, that in Vermillion, S. D., on Sunday the 18th day of October, 1896, in accordance with the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church, I ordained as Deacons: James T. Gurney, Thomas Sanderson, Edmund E. Dean, Sylvester H. Brown. And as Elders: Nathan Fawell, Frank Baker, Alexander C. Stevens, Gary T. Notson, Frank C. MacDuffee.

Given under my hand in Vermillion, S. D., on the 19th day of October, 1896.

JOHN H. VINCENT.

CONFERENCE NECROLOGY.

NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	Time of Death	Age	Years in Ministry	CONF. RELATIONS.
John M Rust.....	Vermillion, Dakota.....	1871	41	15	Effective
Thomas M Williams.....	Bridgewater, Dakota.....	1882	50	24	Effective
Wm. H. Hoadley.....	Huron, Dakota.....	1886	41	16	Supernumerary
T. S. Hunt.....	Aurora, Indiana.....	1887	57	16	Effective
Wm. H. Affleck.....	Leeds, England.....	1887	76	...	Effective
Wm. Vivian.....	San Fernando, Cal.....	1888	45	8	Supernumerary
Chas. B. Gilbert.....	.....	1889	...	...	Effective
Stanley S. Smith.....	.....	1889	...	...	Effective
Ira A. Sparks.....	Armour, South Dakota.....	1894	29	9	Effective
Wm. Wesley Brown.....	Thomasburg, Ontario.....	1894	32	6	Supernumerary
Geo. B Dodd.....	Colman, South Dakota.....	1895	36	2	Probationer

Reports of Committees.

REPORT A.

Conference Stewards.

The Board of Conference Claimants reports the following estimate and division of the money on hand in said fund, the total amount being \$1218.

1.	Lewis Hartsough	- . . .	\$ 195.
2.	H. T. Curl	- . . .	173.
3.	T. H. Walker	- . . .	168.
4.	S. F. Brown	- . . .	168.
5.	Sanford Washburn	- . . .	198.
6.	Mrs. W. H. Hoadley	- . . .	100.
7.	D. W. Chamberlain	- . . .	116.
8.	Thomas Wilkinson	- . . .	100.

Total estimate \$1218.

W. F. MINTY, Chairman.

O. H. SPROUL, Secretary.

REPORT B.

Report of the Committee on Education.

We, your committee report as follows:

We rejoice that despite the stringency of the times, Dakota University has enjoyed a year of constantly increasing prosperity. The enrollment of students for the college year closing June last, reached 190, an increase of 15 per cent. over the previous year. The enrollment for the fall term of the present year has already reached 150, an increase of 33 per cent. over any preceding year for the fall term, giving promise of an attendance during the winter exceeding any year of the entire history of the school. So efficient has been the management of the finances, and so liberal have been the contributions of the Conference to the general fund, that the current expenses have been met, and the standing indebtedness reduced during the year to \$500. The indebtedness still remaining is \$7,260 with open accounts and bills receivable, allowing all possible shrinkage, aggregating \$300. Such splendid results in the face of shrinking values and the discouragements arising from the wide spread business paralysis existing in all lines of industry, commend our confidence and should stimulate the entire Con

ference to renewed and vigorous effort to enlarge its contributions and to increase the enrollment of students.

For the first time in the history of the college, all the four years of its collegiate departments are fully organized. Students in all grades from the preparatory to the senior classes will henceforth make up our annual movement. In addition to the number completing the Science Normal and the special departments, this year eight will graduate from the regular collegiate department. Our college is no longer an experiment, but has demonstrated its right to live and to command the respect and confidence of Dakota Methodism.

Valuable contributions have been made to the library during the year by Dr. Jordan and Bro. M. E. Nickerson. Your committee commend the example of these brethren. It may be easily imitated by each one of us. In this good work we can secure the cooperation of the laity, and in a short time construct a library of great value to the students, and credit to the University.

The receipts of the college year closing in June last aggregate as follows:

Contributions from Conference	\$1576.54.
Tuition and room rent	4816.94.
Miscellaneous	1229.60.
Total	\$7628.08.

Estimated expenses for 1896-97.

Salaries	\$5500.00.
Fuel and light	900.00.
General expenses	1300.00.
Total	\$7700.00.

Resources:

Tuition	\$4500.00.
Special departments	1000.00.
Conference collections	3000.00.
Total	\$8500.00.

We submit for your adoption the following resolutions:

1. The law regulating boards of education having been changed by the last legislature, we recommend that in order to secure the cooperation of a larger number of layman that the maximum number of the board of members be fixed at 30, and that the entire number be made not only members, but directors of the college.

2. We heartily commend the action of the late State Convention of the Epworth League concerning the support of a college professorship; and we suggest that each League be expected to raise at least one third of the educational apportionment made to the charge and that this amount be appropriated to the League professorship.

3. We recognize and appreciate the importance and value of the Educational Anniversary known in our Church as Children's Day. We commend its objects and urge its faithful observance. We recommend also that one service during the same day be devoted to our University interests, that a subscription be taken and every effort possible be put forth to meet the apportionment to the charge.

4. That we extend to Dr. Graham and the able faculty of which he is the honorable president our gratitude for their faithful and efficient service, and also to the executive board by whose cheerful cooperation with the President, such happy results have been attained, and we hereby pledge to them our confidence and our continued efforts, to increase the collections and also the attendance of students.

5. That we view with increasing satisfaction the growing usefulness and power of our theological schools at Evanston, and at Boston, and we indulge a denominational pride in the progress of our National University at Washington, D. C.

The following have been nominated to fill the vacancies on the board of members and we recommend their election: W. H. Jordan, L. Bradford, E. B. Bracy, H. M. Springer and J. C. Wood.

We nominate as visitors to Dakota University the following, and request their election: E. P. Hall, W. A. Swickard, James Clulow, J. G. Hall and A. E. Carhart.

Visitors to Garrett Biblical Institute: F. T. Nicholls and T. H. Youngman.

W. H. JORDAN,
Chairman.

C. B. CLARK,
Secretary.

REPORT C.

Report of Committee on Church Extension.

We, your committee on Church Extension beg leave to submit the following report being the resolutions recommended by the committee on Church Extension:

1. We heartily congratulate the Board of Church Extension, and the Church-at-large, on the remarkable success of its work through a period of thirty years.

2. That our country, being new, with rapidly increasing population and unlimited resources, will continue to need aid of the Church Extension, in the future as in the past, and that our Church by fostering and strengthening this work will increase its own power to promote all forms of Christian and benevolent activity.

3. That we, as a Conference, will not be content with anything less than a full response to the call of the General Committee for our proper share in Church Extension, until, everywhere in communities now destitute, the people shall have opportunity to "enter His courts with praise."

4. That our Presiding Elders be requested to apportion, with care, the full amount asked for Church Extension, to the several districts and pastoral charges for collection; and that, availing ourselves of the helps provided by the Board, and especially CHRISTIANITY IN EARNEST and GLAD TIDINGS, we will present this cause in all our churches, and endeavor to secure, at least, the amount asked, in accordance with the plan of our Discipline.

By order of the Committee,

W. D. DEEBLE, President.

W. H. CORY, Secretary.

REPORT D.

Report of the Committee on Church Literature.

WHEREAS, The success of the cause of Christ, and the power and influence of the church so largely depend upon the thorough culture and full literary tastes of the people, and since this is the "reading age" in the world's history: we desire to express our appreciation and formulate our just and merited commendation of the splendid efforts of the Book Concern to meet the ever increasing demands of the people for a purer literature. Therefore,

RESOLVED. 1st. That we will specially emphasize the vast importance of this work to our people, and earnestly urge a more careful and painstaking canvass to be made by our ministers all through the year in the interests of our publications.

2nd. We give most generous approval of the proposition of our enterprising publishers and managers, to materially improve the Northwestern Christian Advocate and our Sunday School publications and thoroughly approve the action of the Book Concern in the reduction of the price of our Church Hymnal.

3rd. We hail with pleasure the marvelous increased circulation of

that splendid exponent, and leader among the young Methodist hosts—The Epworth Herald—and generously recommend the literature furnished by the Book Concern department as aids to our young people. We urge all ministers and Epworth League officials to faithfully present these to all our people.

4th. We appreciate the efficiency and work of the Omaha Christian Advocate, and also the merits of the Methodist Herald.

F. J. NORTON,
Secretary.

J. G. HALL,
Chairman.

REPORT E.

State of the Church.

We record with gratitude to the Great Head of the Church the advance movement within our borders during the Conference year just closed.

Through God's matchless grace, sinners have been converted, believers sanctified and thus Zion has been strengthened.

We note with delight the work and worth of the Epworth League as a spiritual factor in bringing about and hastening the coming of the day "when the kingdoms of this world shall have become the kingdoms of Our Lord and of his Christ."

Our sufficiency as ministers and workers is in Christ, who is all sufficient. We trust him for greater achievements the coming year, and go out though it may be with weeping bearing precious seed, having the promise that we "shall doubtless return again bringing our sheaves with us."

O. H. SPOUL.

DONALD MCLEAN.

REPORT F.

Prohibition.

1. We declare our unremitting hostility to the "American Saloon," and will not abate our opposition until its suppression is complete.

2. We endorse the State Non-partisan Prohibition Union and commend its work to our people.

3. We urge our pastors as far as possible to retain their present local citizenship till after the coming election in order that they may cast their ballots against the repeal of Article 24 of our State Constitution, and we urge each to subordinate every other interest to the supreme duty of giving every hour to the work of the campaign for the retention of constitutional prohibition in our State Constitution.

4. We adopt the "Declaration of Principles" and recommendations of the committee on Temperance and Prohibition of the last General Conference.

5. We adopt the constitution of the "American Anti-Saloon League."

6. Conscious of the untiring and efficient labors of Rev. A. E. Carhart as president of the "South Dakota Nonpartisan Prohibition Union," we request Bishop Vincent to reappoint him to the presidency of said Union.

7. We recommend the election of two delegates to the annual convention of the American Anti-Saloon League.

O. A. PHILLIPS, President.

A. E. CARHART, Secretary.

REPORT G.

American Bible Society.

Inasmuch as the Word of God is a lamp for men's feet and a light for their path, and is able to make men wise unto salvation, and

WHEREAS, we highly appreciate the work of the American Bible Society in disseminating this light and knowledge, therefore

RESOLVED, that we take an annual collection on each charge for this society.

DONALD McLEAN, Chairman.

SAMUEL J. WATSON, Secretary.

REPORT H.

Report of F. A. & S. E. Committee.

Profoundly convinced that the work of the Freedman's Aid and Southern Education Society has been greatly owned and blessed by God, in lifting the Negro to a high plane of moral and intellectual advancement; therefore Resolved:

1st. That this great work of the church is worthy of our prayerful consideration, and most hearty co-operation.

2nd. That we endorse the "Christian Educator" as a potent factor in carrying forward the work, and that we pledge ourselves to increase its circulation among our people.

3rd. We suggest that each pastor prepare, and preach a sermon on this subject, and take the regularly appointed collection.

Signed,

L. McLEAN, Chairman.

ARTHUR J. JOLLY, Secretary.

TWELFTH SESSION OF THE

REPORT I.

Report on Sunday School and Tracts.

Recognizing the Sunday School and Tract Societies as important agencies in stimulating systematic bible study and disseminating the truth, which makes wise unto salvation, and

Believing in the superior methods, helps and literature of the Sunday School and Tract departments of our church:

RESOLVED, That we urge every school to be brought into direct harmony with our own Sunday School Union, by organizing and maintaining normal classes, using only the publications of our own Book Concern, and loyally supporting the Sunday School and Tract Departments of our church with a good collection each year.

GEO. PARKER, Chairman.

S. H. Brown, Secretary.

REPORT J.

Committee on Sabbath Observance.

WHEREAS, we believe that God's choicest blessings rest upon that nation and people who revere his Holy Sabbath, and

WHEREAS, there is a strong tendency to desecrate the day by engaging in secular business and pleasure seeking:

THEREFORE, we earnestly urge all our brethren both of the ministry and membership to exercise greater care to refrain from everything that bears the appearance of evil, believing that a more scrupulous observance of the Sabbath on the part of christians will deepen the reverence of our population for God's Holy Day.

WM. B. STEWART.

E. E. DEAN.

REPORT K.

Report of Committee on Auditing Treasurer's Accounts.

We, the committee have carefully examined the Treasurer's books and find them correct.

F. W. NAZARENE, President.

T. H. YOUNGMAN, Secretary.

REPORT L.

W. H. M. S.

Greatly indebted to the Women's Home Missionary Society for the timely assistance rendered to members of this Conference, therefore,

RESOLVED, That we earnestly commend the work of this society to the prayerful consideration and hearty cooperation of our people.

RESOLVED, That we suggest the organization of local societies wherever practicable.

L. McLEAN, Chairman.

Win. B. STEWART, Secretary.

REPORT M.

W. F. M. S.

WHEREAS, The Woman's Foreign Missionary Society has, since its organization, been a potent factor in extending the Redeemer's Kingdom in the foreign field, and thus commends itself to the ministers of our Conference, therefore,

RESOLVED, that we pledge it our hearty cooperation and will extend a cordial welcome to its representatives at any time they may visit our charges.

RESOLVED, that we accede to the request of the society to publish its report in our minutes.

F. W. NAZARENE, President.

JAMES CLULOW, Secretary.

REPORT N.

Presiding Elders' Accounts.

Your committee on Presiding Elders' Accounts have examined the same and find them to be correct.

W. O. REDFIELD, Chairman.

REPORT O.

Good Citizenship.

We earnestly sympathize with all enterprises calculated to promote good citizenship and pledge them our cooperation.

We recommend a permanent committee of those with authority to represent this Conference in any proper movements looking to the ends such organizations have in view.

We believe that with the destruction of the saloon all the ends sought by these various organizations will be most directly and speedily attained.

A voluntary enforcement league ought to be maintained in this state until the saloon is exterminated.

This demands the federation of all righteous and christian forces and their earnest activity until the saloon is utterly annihilated.

Since the expiration of the saloon means more for the safety of

the sons and daughters of this and subsequent generations, more for the perpetuity of this republic and the speedy salvation of the race, than any other cause that now enlists the financial aid of the christian churches, we recommend that this cause be placed foremost among those for which contributions are asked.

A. E. CARHART, Chairman.

T. H. YOUNGMAN, Secretary.

REPORT P.

Resolutions.

RESOLVED, 1st. That we hereby express our heartfelt thanks to our Heavenly Father for his bounteous goodness bestowed upon this Conference, in the increased provisions for our temporal and spiritual needs during the year.

2nd. That we acknowledge our gratitude to the pastor of this church, and the citizens of the city of Vermillion for their kindness in so royally entertaining the members and visitors of this Conference, and invoke the blessing of Christ upon them.

3rd. That we gratefully acknowledge our indebtedness to the pastors and members of the sister churches in opening and inviting us into their Churches as well as their homes, and bidding us welcome.

RESOLVED, That the coming of our beloved Bishop Vincent and his interesting and profitable lessons in the study of the Holy Scriptures, his lectures and exhortations, as well as his watchful care over the interests of the entire Conference have been an inspiration and a benediction to all who have been privileged to listen to them, and that we shall hail him with delight should he be permitted to return to us at any time, and we pray that the Divine Father may permit him to live long upon earth to be an inspiration and helper to the entire Church of God.

Respectfully submitted.

O. WILLIAMS, Chairman.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF

WOMAN'S FOREIGN MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

We are all conscious of a double life, the visible, and the invisible; and the visible, or outward life, is affected by two sets of forces—the helping and the hindering; or, what we call difficulties and encouragements. At the opening of this Conference year the difficulties seemed many and the encouragements few. A change in secretaries, every year for three years, made the work hard to take up. District secretaries resigned, letters were not answered, a half-fare permit could not be procured, and when at length a trip was arranged, congregations were small, and collections smaller. In one town, nothing could be done on account of a circus fifteen miles away, which drew the people thither. A train was delayed, and an appointment missed, where, with great effort, a meeting had been arranged. At a camp meeting, just before the hour set apart for missionary service, two men were drowned almost in sight of the auditorium. One secretary wrote that their special work was “trying to live,” another, that she had to do all her work for Jesus “on the run.” A district secretary forgot she had been appointed.

In spite of this array of hindrances our report shows an increase, both in membership and money.

Now, what was the connecting link, the magic influence at work which made such an outcome possible; so that seeming failure was turned into a glorious victory; so that, in the town where the circus interfered, thirteen dollars were collected by the devoted lady in whose care the work was left, the auxiliary whose special work was “trying to live” was able to double its contribution, and even where our meeting was so sadly interfered with, a good subscription was secured? It was always and only the blessing of God in answer to prayer, and to Him be the glory.

Sioux Falls district held a profitable convention in May, at Elk Point. The presence of Miss Phelps, from Japan, and her native helper, greatly added to the interest.

No. of Auxiliaries	26—	Members	395.
“ “ Y. L. Societies	1—	“	15.
“ “ Mission Bands	6—	“	160.
“ “ Subscriptions to W. M. Friend			54.
“ “ “ “ to Children's Friend			112.

Following is the report of Branch Treasurer from Oct. 1, 1895, to Oct. 1, 1896.

A supplemental report was made of monies sent in before close of branch meeting, bringing the total for the year to within \$20.00 of the \$1000.00 apportioned.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

Aberdeen, \$113.57; Aberdeen Band, \$24.25; Detroit, \$10.00; Northville and Prairieville, \$12.36; Warner, \$15.00; Total, \$175.18.

HURON DISTRICT.

Hitchcock, \$2.00; Huron, \$23.30; Huron Band, \$9.40; Redfield, \$16.70; Winthrop, \$6.67; Total, \$58.07.

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Alexandria, \$13.00; Mitchell, \$33.50; Woonsocket, \$4.20; Total, \$50.70.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

Canton, \$25.00; Canton Band, \$21.11; Centerville, \$10.75; Dell Rapids, \$11.10; Elk Point, \$19.05; Flandreau, \$12.60; Lennox, \$29.14; Lennox Band, \$10.12; Madison, \$29.91; Parker, \$28.88; Sioux Falls, \$30.80; Sioux Falls Young Ladies, \$22.25; Vermillion, \$20.15; Vermillion Junior League, \$9.00; Total, \$279.96.

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Arlington, \$15.55; Bristol, \$2.00; Brookings, \$17.50; Brookings Band, \$26.75; Britton J. L., \$1.00; Clark, \$23.25; Watertown, \$125.26; Total, \$211.31.

Conference misc., \$137.67; Total, \$912.89.

LOUISE P. HAUSER,
Conference Secretary.

Epworth League.

CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT CABINETS, AND LOCAL CHAPTERS, OF THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

CONFERENCE CABINET.

President—E. T. Colton, Mitchell.

Vice-President, Aberdeen District—F. S. Brown, Doland.

Vice-President, Huron District—A. R. Abel, DeSmet.

Vice-President, Mitchell District—E. H. Frank, Woonsocket.

Vice-President, Sioux Falls District—Rev. F. T. Nicholls, Elk Point.

Vice President, Watertown District—J. M. Trueman, Brookings.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. A. C. Stevens, Mitchell.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. Hattie Whalen Jenkins, Madison.

Treasurer—Ed. L. Wells, Huron.

Supt. Junior League—Mrs. J. O. Dobson, Sioux Falls.

ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

CABINET.

President—F. S. Brown, Doland.

First Vice President—R. F. Reynolds, Groton.

Second Vice-President—Miss Alice Salisbury, Ashton.

Third Vice-President—Miss Drusilla King, Bath.

Fourth Vice President—H. F. Cook, Northville.

Secretary—Miss Edith Lascelle, Aberdeen.

Treasurer—H. H. Steele, Aberdeen.

Junior Superintendent—Mrs. A. B. Jolly, Langford.

SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

CABINET.

President, Rev. F. T. Nicholls, Elk Point.

First Vice-President, Rev. Peter Jordan, Montrose.

Second Vice-President, Mrs. Arva Rhoeder, Yankton.

Third Vice-President, Miss Carrie Millett, Hudson.

Fourth Vice-President, Miss Iva McDonald, Sioux Falls.

Secretary, Mrs. Hattie Whalen Jenkins, Madison.

Treasurer, Mr. Robinson, Egan.

Superintendent Junior League, Mrs. Duggan; Flandreau.

TWELFTH SESSION OF THE ABERDEEN DISTRICT.

CHARGE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	MEMBERS				Joined Church this year	No. Herald's taken	Paid toward Epworth League Professorship
			Active	Associate	Junior League	Reading Circle			
Aberdeen.....	Ruth Barnes.....	Daisy Hutton.....	98	11	30			20	
Ashton.....	Edith Salisbury.....	Edith Boyer.....	16	10		7		2	
Bath.....	T C Wenz.....	Anna J Wenz.....	38	10	53		4	53	
Bangor.....	Fred E Brown.....	Grace Brown.....	26	19				3	
Bitton.....	Mary Minry.....	Effie Curtis.....	35	8	25			4	
Claremont.....	C F Bosh.....	May Thompson.....	30	22	13			5	
De Voe.....	Ida Knox.....	Emma DeVine.....	16	19				1	
Doland.....	Austin Martin.....		27	6	35			3	
Frederick.....	Geo Mantor.....	Pearl Howard.....	16	16				8	
Groton.....	John Hatton.....	Bessie Bradshaw.....	30	15				5	
Langford.....	Geo Lixtan.....		14	6				1	
Mound City.....	M A Richardson.....	Mrs M Hedger.....	22	2				2	
Mellette.....	Robt Lark.....	Maggie Hodge.....	19						
Oneota.....	Geo Manter.....	Pearl Howard.....	14	13				18	
Scatterwood.....	Mrs Diestler.....	Daisy Johnson.....	19	3				3	
Warner.....	H L Marlette.....	Mrs H L Marlette.....	12	19				1	
Burch.....	Mrs Lou Wait.....	R H Burch.....	22	2				2	
Northville.....									5
Total.....			463	181	155	7	4	85	8

HURON DISTRICT.

Alpena.....	D T Knox.....	Geo D Canon.....	25		30		3	6	5
Burdette Circuit...			27	28					
De Smet.....	A R Abel.....	W M Robinson.....	75		20		20	3	15
Faulton.....	J F Armstrong.....	Florence Jones.....	25		30		17		
Gettysburg.....	Nellie Barker.....	Bertha Ring.....	7	4			2	1	50
Highmore.....	A N Van Camp.....	Rose Foote.....	20	10				1	
Hitchcock.....	Henry Kingdom.....	Irina Crosby.....	25	20				3	
Huron.....	Ed L Wells.....	Jessie Wilde.....	55	1	55			6	
Iroquois.....	C F Liddle.....	C Cripps.....	10	2				2	
Miller.....	P E Coquellette.....	Grace Andrews.....	42	6	38		6	1	
Redfield.....	Carrie Riggs.....	Frank Packard.....	38	12	45		30	30	10
St. Lawrence.....	Mrs. Davis.....	Chas Kellogg.....	20		16			2	
Wessington Spring	P F Kleppin.....	T F Vessey.....	51	4	32		12	2	5
Total.....			420	87	266		90	57	35 50

MITCHELL DISTRICT.

Alexandria.....	May Durkee.....	Charlie Harmon.....	14		25			3	
Armour.....	Chas. Berg.....	Etta Hutchins.....	35	5					
Artesian.....	Milton Best.....	Nellie Stoughton.....	14	9	22			1	5
Ethan.....	C Vogers.....	Retta Mull.....	20	10			2	2	
Fulton.....	G Lukins.....	Mrs Ager.....	30	10	14			3	18
Howard.....	C A Lawson.....		27		25		3	26	5
Kimball Circuit...	J H Wolf.....	Josie VanZante.....	35	3	25			7	5
Letcher.....	Ray McCurdy.....		10	30					
Mitchell.....	Josie Connor.....	Geo Potter.....	116		135	10	9	25	10
Mt Vernon, Lisbon									
Parkston.....	Mrs F Davis.....	Zora Glenn.....	28	22			6	9	5
Pleasant Ridge...	Hansona Bloom.....	Julia Bloom.....	18	10				22	2
Plankinton.....	E M Cramer.....	Birdie Anderson.....	35		50		12	2	5
Scotland.....	Harriet Izzard.....	Nettie Johnson.....		11	15	1	20	1	7
Tyndall.....	Nellie Clark.....	Emma Jewell.....	28	32			20	2	
Woonsocket.....	Rev S J Watson.....	Bertha Kalder.....	22	14	30		2	1	11
Total.....			432	156	341	11	96	59	96

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SIOUX FALLS DISTRICT.

CHARGE	PRESIDENT	SECRETARY	MEMBERS			Reading Circle Joined Church this year	No. of Heralds taken Paid toward Epworth League Professorship
			Active	Associate	Junior League		
Beresford.....	Mrs H A Tanner.	Elsie Brown.....	15	43	32		1 10
Bluff Center.....	Mrs F A Hart.....		3	10		3	
Canton.....	E J Baldwin.....	Annie Casper.....	56				6 15
Centerville.....	Walt Noble.....	A S Cory.....	18	10	50	6	12
Dell Rapids.....	Miss E Muckler.....	John Munroe.....	30				4 1 70
Egan.....	Pearl Buck.....	Mattie Heinbach...	16	8	25		2 5
Elk Point.....	G Fisher.....	Arvin Gore.....	30	26	40	8	39 2
Fairview.....	Mrs C Winett.....	Mrs D Dalmage.....	18	15			1
Flandreau.....	Ward A Rorebeck..	Arthur Rolfe.....	52	6	34		45 10
Gayville.....	John Collins.....	Saran Collins.....	15	5			
Hartford.....		Clarence Caldwell..	12	8		1	1
Hudson.....	Mrs D Wescott.....	Sadie Millett.....	15				5
Irene.....	Mrs G G Fry.....	Minnie Lawrence...	10	12			
Lennox.....	Mrs Mary Jawbs...	Elsie Shank.....	37	10			1
Madison.....	Mrs H W Jenkins..	Fannie Stacy.....	50	15	50	12	26 11
Meckling.....	Eva Thorsten.....	Olive Westie.....	20	10		5	
Parker.....	B H Hurd.....	M H Beck.....	30	6	35	5	15
Sioux Falls.							
First Church..	Kara G Smart.....	Ida Lyman.....	48	5	70	1	7
Jordan.....	Mrs Becker.....	Mrs Keihl.....	52	4	35		7
Rowena.....	W E Brown.....	Harry Webster.....	11	18	20		
Ben Clare.....	Jacob B Severson..	Nellie Rosenburg..	24				
Vermillion.....	Alice Hyde.....	Prof W Anderson..	52	8	60	2	46
Volin.....	T J Douthil.....	Nellie Douthil.....	20	22		4	5
Yankton.....	Grace Rardin.....	Elsa Pincheon.....	50		25	12	40
Wakonda.....	Mrs Wm Kuller...	Lydia Kuller.....	18	6		4	2
Total.....			702	247	476	63	265 54 70

WATERTOWN DISTRICT.

Arlington.....	Rev J B Dibble....	A F Harris.....	47	27			30 15
Bristol.....	Mrs H Showerman	Gust H Johnson...	18	9			
Brookings.....	C T Doughty.....	Walter S Thomber	26		44	6	10
Butler.....	Eva Potter.....	Bertha Sanborne...	19	12		5	5
Clark.....	F H Fountain.....	Cary M Platt.....	40		14	3	6
Garden City.....	Ernest Kneeland..	Thomas Mankey...	15	10		3	
Henry.....	Thes Skells.....	Ida Ibbitson.....	20	5	27	5	3 3
Kampeska.....	Chas Nichols.....	Mrs O A Jacobs....	20	5			2 3
Milbank.....	W W Doronie.....	Emma Nixon.....	19	8	40		12
Watertown.....	Geo H Baxter.....	Maud M Rhoades..	40		45		6
Webster.....	Inez Teytmeier...	Edith Turner.....	10	22		3	
Wilmot.....	LoIn Daniels.....	R Jorgenson.....	25	10			1
Total.....			299	108	170	25	75 21
Grand Total.....			2309	779	1409	18 278	541 21520

“CONCERNING THE COLLECTIONS,” &c.

READ AND REFLECT—BRETHREN OF THE DAKOTA CONFERENCE.

“The hardest worked man in the Annual Conference is the Statistical Secretary,” so said Bishop Vincent. Yet even his toil would be lightened by a greater care on the part of many brethren. Always write your statistics in ink. Write them legibly and correctly and have them ready to hand him on the first day of Conference.

The errors most frequently found are in the Sunday School reports of blanks Nos. 1 and 2. They disagree. Also benevolences in Statistics No. 4 do not correspond with Treasurer’s report. Frequent errors also in addition—e. g. salary and house rent.

Please read carefully the directions on the back of your Annual Statistical blank which you receive before Conference and follow them.

The results will be lighter burdens for the Statistical Secretary and Treasurer, and more satisfactory Statistics for publication. Let 1897 begin a reform.

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Statistics No. 1, Dakota Conference for 1896—*Aberdeen District.*

NAME OF CHARGE	MEMBERS				B'PTS.	SUNDAY SCHOOL.		CHURCH PROPERTY.							
	No. Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable value. Building & Improving Church & Parsonages.	Pd on old ind't, dness	Present indebtedness on Church property.
Aberdeen.....	12	132	1		4	2	1	33	260	1	9000	1	1000		
Andover.....	1	15								1	1400			20	25
Ashton.....		56	1	1	2		2	17	66	1	2500				250
Bath and Columbia.....	11	103		1	3	6	1	8	80	3	4500	1	600	40	1000
Bangor.....	8	34			1	1	2	14	40			1	200	150	15
Bowdle.....	3	21	1		2		1	6	45	1	1500				200
Britton.....	12	80	1		6	2	3	24	155	1	1500			170	100
Claremont and Putney...	15	70		1	2	9	3	30	120	3	4000				900
Conde.....	3	47	4				1	7	40			1	600	30	
DeVoe.....	10	62	2	1	3	15	4	35	176	1	1000				
Doland.....	35	90		1			3	26	144	2	3200	1	500		450
Frederick & Westport...	4	47					3			3	4000				
Groton.....	8	76			1		1	11	95	1	3500			350	
*Hecla.....	8	54				3	3	23	103			1	400		
Leola.....	4	28			11	1	1	3	24	95	1	1200		14	600
Langford.....		81		1	1	3	3	22	150	2	1700	1	800		250
Mansfield.....	18	103			5	7	4	33	140	2	2000			100	52
Monnd City.....	7	30	1	2	1		3	9	59			1	700	17	54
Northville.....		115					2	15	100	2	3000	1	400		1000
Total.....	157	1250	11	8	42	49	43	337	1868	25	44800	9	5200	371	5575

Statistics No. 1, Dakota Conference for 1896—*Huron District.*

Alpena.....	7	101	1		3		3	24	100	2	2600	1	300	600	300	250
Burdette.....	6	46		1		3	3	15	75	1	800				40	30
De Smet.....	30	105			1	23	2	25	160	1	2300	1	600	20	50	500
Faulton.....	15	95			1	15	2	18	100	2	5000					1500
Forest City.....	3	17	1				3	18	80	1						
Gettysburg.....	9	46	1	1		5	3	34	85	1	450	1	450	300		519
Highmore and Blunt....	17	84	1			12	3	23	78	2	2500	1	350	100		3450
Hitchcock.....	7	114	1			3	3	27	126	2	2400	1	500			300
Huron.....	4	206		3	3		1	25	150	1	12000	1	1000		50	2500
Iroquois and Cavour....	8	64		1			3	20	110	13	3500	1	650		240	1200
Miller and St. Lawrence	10	30		2	4	7	2	16	100	2	2500	1	400	100	255	760
Oneida.....	9	81		1	6	9	3	22	75	1	500			25	9	
Pierre and East Pierre...	7	122		2	2		2	32	157	2	5000				200	900
Redfield.....	16	106		1	2	9	1	12	153	1	1800	1	1000	80		
Wessington and Wolsey...	22	52	1	1	2	14	3	30	85	2	2600	1	60			971
Wessington Springs.....	10	127	1	2		3	3	25	142	1	1200	1	600		565	
Winthrop.....	7	97	1		1	1	4	31	185							
Total.....	187	1493	8	14	31	101	44	397	1961	24	45150	11	5910	1225	1709	12880

*Taken from minutes of 1895.

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Statistics No. 1, Dakota Conference for 1896—*Mitchell District.*

NAME OF CHARGE	MEMBERS.			B'PTS.		SUNDAY SCHOOLS.				CHURCH PROPERTY.					
	No. Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.	Deaths.	Children Baptized.	Adults Baptized.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable value Building & improving churches & parsonages	Pd on old ind'b'dness	Present indebtedness on ch'ch property.
Alexandria.....	10	86		2	2	14	2	21	131	1	1000	1	150	69	150
Armour.....	1	77	1	1		4	2	20	125	1	2000				
*Artesian.....	18	71					2	17	100	1	2500				400
Bridgewater.....	2	84	2		4		4	29	153	3	5500		2000		1000
Edgerton.....	3	30			1		3	22	100	1	500	1	200		
Ethan.....		84	1	1	11	15	2	15	95	1	1400			24	300
Fulton.....	3	110			2	1	4	35	110	1	1400	1	350		100
Howard and Carthage...	3	59			1	3	2	14	75	3	6000	1	500	15	72
Mitchell.....	25	210	3	2	5	15	1	30	300	1	3000			50	105
Mt. Vernon.....	0	72	1	1		4	2	23	105	1	2000	1	200		950
Parkston and Tripp.....	11	116	1		7	1	3	27	95	1	1000			50	800
Plankinton.....	10	67		2	1		1	17	141	1	2000			100	
Kimball.....	6	130			3	5	4	31	150	4	4000	1	500	150	1200
Scotland.....		80			1		4	10	50	1	3000	1	1400	50	55
Salem.....	8	60			1	2	3	24	194	1	2500	1	500	7	34
Tyndall and Springfield	5	105					9	2	90	3	3500	1	800		277
Woonsocket.....	5	80			10	4	1	12	110	1	1800	1	1400		500
															1100
Total.....	116	1571	9	13	48	80	39	367	2180	26	43100	10	6000	2141	7882

Statistics No. 1, Dakota Conference for 1896—*Sioux Falls District.*

Alcester.....		40		1	1		1	10	35	1	1500					200
Beresford.....	17	102		3	1	5	1	10	65	1	1800	1	800	70		425
Canton.....	5	159	3	3	4		2	19	180	1	1800	1	1000	110		
Centerville.....	12	75		1	2	11	2	16	120	2	2600	1	1000		130	205
Dell Rapids.....	8	134		2	2		3	19	170	1	1500	1	1200		67	350
Egan and Colman.....	12	77			1		1	18	103	2	3500	1	500		175	225
Elk Point.....	19	146		1	1	8	2	31	213	2	5000	1	650	10	156	200
Flandreau.....	6	92	1	2	1	5	1	14	139	1	1500	1	1600		58	350
Gayville.....	11	81	2	1	5	6	2	21	121	2	3400	1	800		25	771
Hartford and Prospect...	8	79				1	2	25	160	2	3000	2	1000			500
Hudson.....	25	85		2	4		2	19	98	2	4400			80		396
Hurley.....	17	71	1				2	21	125	2	2250	1	500			
Lennox.....	15	105			12		2	21	151	1	1100	1	500	100		
Lodi.....		57		1		1	2	24	179	2	2000	1	600		50	151
Madison.....	17	168	1	1	2	13	1	20	194	1	3500	1	1500	25	100	1080
Montrose.....	4	20		1	1		1	8	40	1	2000					300
Parker.....	19	122	1	1	9	12	2	23	165	2	1800	1	1500		16	200
Sioux Falls 1st church...	15	290	2	2	11	3	1	24	216	1	12000	1	6000	155	300	3000
Jordan Church... Circuit	9	93	1		5	5	2	18	152	2	4200			50		1098
East Sioux Falls.....	1	97			1		4	27	133	2	2500					
Vermillion.....	45	302	1	2		10	1	20	190	1	7500	1	2500	3500	596	2700
Volin.....	25	68	2	3	2		2	20	110	2	2200				190	100
Yankton.....	5	125	1		2		1	20	130	1	4000	1	2000			2400
Total.....	295	2596	16	27	69	80	41	455	3225	35	75180	18	23710	4100	1863	14691

*Taken from the minutes of 1895.

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Statistics No. 1, Dakota Conference for 1896—*Watertown District.*

NAME OF CHARGE	MEMBERS.			B'PTS.	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.			CHURCH PROPERTY.								
	No. Probationers.	Full Members.	Local Preachers.		Deaths.	Children Baptised.	Adults Baptised.	No. of Schools.	Officers and Teachers.	No. of Scholars.	No. of Churches.	Probable value.	No. of Parsonages.	Probable value.	Building & Improving Churches & Parsonages	Pd on old ind't'ness.	Present indebtedness on church property.
Arlington.....	5	88	1			2	3	27	143	1	2000	1	1000	25	130	250
Big Stone City.....	10	50			21	8	1	13	85	1	2000			45	50	465
Bradley.....		63				2	2	16	100	1	1250	1	500	550		100
Bristol.....	12	47	1	3	6	6	2	10	67	1	2000			10	166	
Brookings.....	3	120	1	1		6	1	29	150	1	3000	1	1200			600
Clark.....	3	140				7	3	35	150	1	2200			150		116
Clear Lake.....	5	84		1	2	2	2	12	70	1	2000				650	
Elkton and Trenton.....		72					2	25	120	2	2000			20		
Gary.....	9	68					2	20	105	1	2000	1	500			
Henry.....	3	82	2	1	9		2	13	95	2	3200	1	600		300	300
Kampeska.....	2	43					1	9	48	1	1400	1	450	5		
Lake Preston.....		16	1				1	3	23	1	1200	1	500			
Milbank.....	12	87		1	2		1	21	140	1	10000			125	45	1000
Twin Brooks.....	11	25			6	1	2	19	129	2	2100			8		660
Watertown.....	26	216	2	2		3	1	24	190	1	15000	1	2000	16	250	2250
Webster.....	11	65		1	3	13	2	16	155	1	3000			75	100	300
Waubay.....	2	18			2	2	1	12								
Willow Lakes and Hazel	19	69	1				4	26		3	4000	1	700		200	700
Wilmot.....	5	65	1	2		2	12	12	95	1	2500	1	700	185	694	250
White.....	30	160		1	6	14	2	20	180	2	3000	1	800	1000	400	700
Total	168	1578	10	13	57	66	37	378	2175	25	63850	11	8950	2208	2985	7691

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Statistics No. 2, Dakota Conference for 1896—*Aberdeen District.*

NAME OF CHARGE	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.												
	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers.	No. of Teachers.	Total officers & teach'rs	SCHOLARS.			Average Attendance.	Library Books,	Officers, teach'rs, c'rch mem'b'rs & p'b'l'ion'rs	Scholars, church mem-bers or probationers.	Conversions in Sunday School this year.	Current Expenses, Les-son Leaves, Books, etc.
					Primary Grade	All Others.	Total Scholars.						
Aberdeen.....	1	8	25	33	60	200	260	180	500	33	150		125
Andover.....													
Ashton.....	2	8	9	17	23	36	59	48		11	16		15
Bath and Columbia.....	1	4	8	12	38	42	80	60		4			
Bangor.....	2	6	8	14	10	30	40	30		14	5		25
Bowdle.....	1	6	5	11	27	18	45	36	40	4	6		25
Britton.....	3	10	14	24	45	110	155	110	210				65
Claremont and Putney....	3	15	15	30		120	120	80	200	26			
Conde.....	1	3	4	7	14	26	40	33		6	10		30
De Voe.....	4	19	16	35	50	126	176	126	25	23	47	16	31
Doland and Frankfort.....	3	12	14	26	39	105	144	107	375	22	36	7	62
Frederick and Westport.....	3	10	10	20		90	90	70		17			
Groton.....	1	4	7	11	20	75	95	65		10			50
*Hecla	3	14	9	23	40	63	103	75	19	13	24	1	37
Leola.....	3	15	9	24	40	55	95	50	275	20			
Langford.....	3	10	12	22	49	105	154	89		20	31	3	45
Mansfield	4	20	13	33	50	90	140	100	35	27	75		50
Mound City.....	3	9	8	17	20	39	57	51	16	9	12	6	14
Northville.....	2	6	12	18	50	50	100	75	54	12			30
Total.....	43	179	198	377	575	1380	1953	1385	1749	271	412	33	594

Statistics No. 2, Dakota Conference for 1896—*Huron District.*

Alpena.....	3	12	12	24	30	70	100	90	40	15	50		40
Burdette.....	3	5	10	15	20	55	75	50	15	15	30	8	
De Smet.....	2	11	14	25	55	105	160	105	75	15	40	30	45
Faulkton.....	2	10	8	18	30	70	100	75	50	18	35	15	16
Forest City.....	3	9	9	18	50	30	80	50		11	15		5
Gettysburg.....	3	21	13	34	33	52	85	93		20	22		40
Highmore and Blunt.....	3	12	11	23	43	55	78	65	100	26	40	16	26
Hitchcock.....	3	9	18	27	45	81	126	85	200	23	71		8
Huron.....	1	6	19	25	50	100	150	120		25	60		55
Iroquois and Cavour.....	3	12	8	20	30	80	110	75		18	54		19
Miller and St. Lawrence.....	2	6	10	16	22	78	100	70	100	16	15	7	44
Oneida.....	3	12	10	22	25	50	75			15		3	
Pierre and East Pierre.....	2	17	15	32	67	90	157	86	300	31	68	5	12
Redfield.....	1	3	9	12	45	108	153	95	100	12		25	50
Wessington and Wolsey.....	3	14	16	30	30	55	85	75		10	30	10	30
Wessington Springs.....	3	10	15	25	42	100	142	102		21	60	7	45
Winthrop.....	4	14	17	31	45	140	185	110		14	90		40
Total.....	44	183	214	397	662	1299	1961	1346	980	305	680	126	530

*Taken from minutes of 1895.

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Statistics No. 2, Dakota Conference for 1896—*Mitchell District.*

NAME OF CHARGE	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.													
	No. of Schools.	No. of Officers.	No. of Teachers.	Total officers & teach'rs	SCHOLARS.			Average Attendance.	Library Books.	Officers, teach'rs, c'rch mem'br's & pr'b'tion'rs	Scholars, church mem-bers or probationers	Conversions in Sunday School this year.	Current expenses less-son leaves, books, etc.	
					Primary Grade	All Others.	Total Scholars.							
Alexandria.....	2	9	12	21	60	71	131	90	150	17	45		53	
Armour.....	2	10	10	20	35	90	125	80		15	40	1	60	
*Artesian.....	2	9	8	17	30	70	100	70		17	50			
Bridgewater.....	4	16	13	29	61	92	153	135	384	28	63	2	54	
Edgerton.....	3	11	11	22	45	55	100	87		4	20		24	
Ethan.....	2	8	7	15		95	95			15	50			
Fulton.....	4	12	23	35	100	60	160		120	31			50	
Howard and Carthage	2	7	7	14	30	45	75	60	40	10	17	5	30	
Mitchell.....	1	6	24	30		300	300	150		30				
Mt. Vernon.....	2	12	11	23	25	80	105	85		23	50		30	
Parkston and Tripp.....	3	15	12	27		95	95	70			11	8	42	
Plankinton.....	1	7	10	17	25	116	141	80	160	14	40	2	45	
Kimball.....	4	15	16	31	30	120	150	60	200	25	50	5	60	
Scotland.....	1	4	6	10	20	30	50	50	20	6	10	1	35	
Salem.....	3	11	13	24	55	139	194	130	100	10	14		63	
Tyndall and Springfield.....	2	8	12	20	23	73	96	65		20		16	25	
Woonsocket.....	1	4	8	12	55	55	110	79	130	12	25		25	
Total.....	39	164	203	367	594	1580	2180	1291	1304	277	485	40	596	

Statistics No. 2, Dakota Conference for 1896—*Sioux Falls District.*

Alcester.....	1	5	5	10	12	24	36	25		8	9		20
Beresford.....	1	5	5	10	25	40	65	50		9	22	8	20
Canton.....	2	7	12	19	40	140	180	114	80	19			78
Centerville.....	2	6	10	16	40	80	120	80	270	16		12	33
Dell Rapids.....	3	6	13	19	31	139	120	88		18	56		51
Egan and Colman.....	1	10	9	18	39	64	103	92	198	14	20		45
Elk Point.....	2	10	21	31	51	162	213	146		28	69	3	57
Flandreau.....	1	4	10	14	40	99	139	75		13	36		55
Gayville.....	2	9	10	19	27	94	121	64	78	13	37		45
Hartford and Prospect.....	2	12	13	25	30	130	160	110		13			□
Hudson.....	2	9	10	19	20	78	98	77	200	19	72		38
Hurley.....	2	13	8	21	25	100	125	65					45
Lennox.....	2	12	9	21	50	100	150	90		11	60		50
Lodi.....	2	10	8	18	20	59	79	57	75	12	22		77
Madison.....	1	6	14	20	75	119	194	95	200	20	81	22	71
Montrose.....	1	4	4	8	15	25	40	36		4	10		6
Parker.....	2	13	12	23	60	105	165	125	125	20		18	70
Sioux Falls, First Church.....	1	8	16	24	116	100	216	177		24	110		70
Jordan Church.....	2	7	11	18	52	100	152	105	80	18	75		56
Circuit.....	1	3	4	7		35	35			7			
East Sioux Falls.....	4	4	23	27	54	79	133	40		25	21		
Vermillion.....	1	5	15	20	50	140	190	130		28	140	15	80
Volin.....	2	10	10	20	50	60	110	80		15	35		32
Yankton.....	1	6	14	20	30	130	130	90	400	20	70	5	75
Total.....	41	181	274	455	953	2272	3225	2011	1706	366	945	83	1074

*Taken from minutes of 1895.

Statistics No. 2, Dakota Conference for 1896—*Watertown District*

NAME OF CHARGE	SUNDAY SCHOOLS.													
	No of Schools.	No of Officers.	No of Teachers.	Total officers & teachers	SCHOLARS.			Average Attendance.	Library Books.	Officers, teachers, church members & probationers.	Scholars, church members or probationers	Conversions in Sunday School this year.	Current expenses, Lesson Leaves, Books, etc.	
					Primary Grade	All Others	Total Scholars.							
Arrington.....	3	14	13	27	57	86	143	125	75	14	85		65	
Big Stone City.....	1	6	7	13	40	45	85	65	150	12		5	35	
Bradley.....	2	16	12	28	60	40	100	80	40	16	25	10	35	
Bristol.....	2	7	7	14	26	41	67	59		8	12	1	17	
Brookings.....	1	9	13	22	100	50	150	101	100	18	70	5	114	
Clark.....	3	20	15	35	40	110	150	110		34	100	17	45	
Clear Lake.....	2	8	4	12	17	70	70	55		10	15		20	
Elkton and Trenton.....	2	13	12	25	25	95	120	90	26	25	20	10	40	
Gary.....	2	8	12	20	30	75	105	57		14	20			
Henry.....	2	6	7	13	41	54	95	75	200	13	80	7	35	
Kamperka.....	1	5	4	9	15	33	48	40	30	8	18	8	20	
Lake Preston.....	1	2	3	5		23	23	20		2	10		10	
Milbank.....	1	7	14	21	45	95	140	130	200	15	50		100	
Twin Brooks.....	2	10	9	19	60	60	120	60		12	42		17	
Watertown.....	1	7	17	24	60	130	190	148	100	22	69	7	140	
Webster.....	2	7	9	16	36	119	155	95		9	30	8	65	
Waubay.....	1	7	5	12	14	36	50	35		9	1	1		
Willow Lakes and Hazel.....	4	12	14	26	50	30	80			17				
Wilmot.....	2	5	7	12	95		95	70		12		3	30	
White.....	2	9	11	20	79	101	180	105	114	18	90	30	54	
Total.....	37	178	200	378	882	1293	2175	1565	1025	288	737	112	842	

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NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPLY.						SUPPORT OF PRE. ELD.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS		CONF. CL'M'T		Current Expense		
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Deficiencies.	Amount Apport'ned	Amount Paid	Amount Apport'ned	Amount Paid	REC'VD FROM		Church—Sexton, Light, fuel, etc.	Sunday School—Les- son leaves, books, etc.
		Salary	House Rent	Total.	Salary	House Rent	Total						Collections	Total.		
Aberdeen.....	F. W. Nazarene.....	1000	200	1200	1000	200	1200		124	124			10	10	400	125
Andover.....	L. I. Hart.....				144		144				2	1	1	1	10	
Ashton.....					50		50		32	27					35	15
Bath and Columbia.....	J. T. Gurney.....	500	60	620	402	52	454	166	44	37	4	2	2	2		
Bangor.....	W. O. Gram.....	500	50	550	350	50	440	110	50	50	4	2	5	5	30	25
Bowdle.....	A. Emmott.....	528	72	600	400	72	472	128	30	30			2	2	25	25
Britton.....	W. F. Minty.....	700		700	575		575	125	44	44		2	5	5	70	65
Claremont and Putney...	A. D. Smith.....	550		550	500		500	50	44	44					75	
Conde.....	F. C. MacDuffee.....	500	50	550	471	50	521	29	36	37	4	3	5	5	10	30
DeVoe.....	R. L. DeGolier.....	400		400	315		315	85	30	30	3	3	5	5	15	21
Doland.....	Frank Baker.....	500		500	375		375	125	30	30		2			125	62
Frederick & Westport...	J. L. Brown.....	500		500	300		300	200	40	40		2				
Groton.....	W. D. Deeble.....	600		600	550		550	50	44	44		2	5	5	110	50
Hecla.....	A. Matson.....															
Leola.....	L. A. McCulloch.....	300		300	195		195	105	20	20		1	1	1	14	
Langford.....	A. J. Jolly.....	500	100	600	425	100	525	75	50	44	8		5	5	28	45
Mansfield.....	F. L. Brimaghim.....	420		420	250		250	130	42	42					25	50
Mound City.....	H. F. Hitch.....	400	120	520	392	120	512	8	40	40	3	3	8	8	19	14
Northville.....	E. E. Waldron.....	400	60	460	333	60	393	67	50	41	11		1	1	100	30
Total.....		8358	712	9070	7087	704	7791	1453	730	704	39	25	57	57	1091	557

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NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT OF PRE. ELD.		SUPPORT OF PRE. ELD.		CONF. CL'M'T		Curr ent Expense		
		CLAIMS			RECEIPTS			Amount Appor'tned	Amount Paid	Amount Appor'tned	Amount Paid	REC'VED FROM		Church—Sexton, Light, fuel, etc.	Sunday School—Les son leaves, books, etc.	
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total					Deficiencies	Collections			Total
Alpena.....	H S Coon.....	450	50	500	328	50	378	122	55	55	4	4	22	22	50	40
Burdette.....	G H Parker.....	250		250	196		196	54	35	35	1	1	2	2	8	15
De Smet.....	F J Norton.....	450	100	550	451	100	551		40	40	5	5	2	2	50	45
Faultkton.....	J G Morrison.....	500		500	500		500		52	52	5	5	3	3	100	16
Forest City.....	Manuel Ash.....	200		200	150		150	50	10	10	1	1				
Gettysburg.....	D Barker.....	200	60	260	216	60	276		40	40	4	1	1	1	100	40
Highmore and Blunt.....	J E Norvell.....	500	60	560	420	60	480	80	60	60					90	26
Hitchcock.....	A W Thurston.....	300	50	350	300	50	350		60	60	8	8	4	4	8	8
Huron.....	C B Clark.....	1200	120	1320	1200	120	1320		105	105	7	7	10	10	225	55
Iroquois and Cavour..	J D Allison.....	250	75	325	250	75	325		35	31	5	2	1	1	55	19
Miller and St. Lawr ence	S M Davis.....	350	50	400	375	50	425		44	44		2	1	1	100	44
Oneida.....	E E Dean.....	400		400	400		400		42	42	3	3	2	2	5	
Pierre and East Pierre...	O H Sproul.....	850		850	850		850		100	82		4	4	4	102	52
Redfield.....	A C Stevens.....	700	150	850	700	150	850		65	65		2	4	4	75	50
Wessington and Wolsey..	W E Hartung.....	250		250	300		300		50	25					65	22
Wessington Springs.....	James Clulow.....	530	96	626	530	96	626		50	50	9	9	3	3	45	45
Winthrop.....	G D Brown.....	350		350	350		350		50	50	7	7	10	10		40
Total.....		7730	811	8541	7516	811	8327	305	893	846	59	61	69	69	1078	530

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NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT OF PRE. ELD.		SUPPORT OF BISHOPS		CONF. CL'M'T		Current Expense		
		CLAIMS.			RECEIPTS.			Amount Apport'ned	Amount Paid	Amount Apport'ned	Amount Paid	REC'VD FROM		Church—Sexton, Light, fuel, etc.	Sunday School—Les- son leaves, books, etc.	
		Salary	House Rent	Total.	Salary	House Rent	Total					Deficiencies.	Collections			Total.
Alexandria.....	A P Janes.....	500		500	490		450	10	60	60	9	2	5	5	54	53
Armonr.....	W L Meinzer.....	450		450	420		420	30	60	60	9	1	2	2	75	60
Artesian.....	J G Campbell.....	400		400	230		230	170								
Bridgewater.....	Wm Underwood.....	372	78	450	302	78	380	70	52	47	4	2	3	3	57	44
Edgerton.....	J D Harris.....	120		120	65		65	55	36	28	2				1	24
Ethan.....	C J Bliss.....	130		130	130		130		36	27					20	20
Fulton.....	Thos Sanderson.....	340	60	400	340	60	400		74	63	8	1	4	4		50
Howard and Carthage....	O A Phillips.....	500	100	600	400	100	500	100	50	45	8	4	5	5	60	
Mitchell.....	L Bradford.....	800		800	800		800		100	99	15	5	5	5	150	
Mt. Vernon.....	R N Kratz.....	250		250	250		250		40	24	3	1			25	30
Parkston and Tripp.....	Wm A Green.....	300		300	335		335		42	42	9	3			60	42
Plankinton.....	W S Shepherd.....	300		300	360		360		40	40	7	4	1	1	85	45
Kimball.....	I P Potter.....	475	75	550	400	75	475	75	60	47	8	2	1	1	40	60
Scotland.....	M E Nickerson.....	500	100	600	437	100	537	63	52	52	9		1	1	35	35
Salem.....	W H Irwin.....	445	80	525	445	80	525		52	37	4	1	1	1	87	63
Tyndall & Springfield....	J G Hall.....	550	100	650	550	100	650		54	54		4	6	6	100	25
Woonsocket.....	S J Watson.....	650	100	750	458	100	558	192	52	33	7	7	5	5	100	25
Total.....		7082	693	7775	6412	693	7105	765	860	728	102	37	39	39	949	576

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NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT.						SUPPORT OF		SUPPORT OF		CONF. CL'M T		Current Expense					
		CLAIMS			RECEIPTS			PRE. ELD.	PRE. ELD.	RECEIVED FROM	Church—Sexton, Light, fuel, etc	Sunday School—Les- son leaves, books, etc							
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total						Deficiencies	Amount Apport'ned	Amount Paid	Amount Apport'ned	Amount Paid	Collections	Total
Alcester.....	Wm Dawson.....	400			600	100	700		44	41	8	2		15	20				
Beresford.....	A E Tanner.....	650	100	750	600	100	700	50	60	60	10		3	60	20				
Canton.....	D Rifensbark.....	815	100	915	815	100	915		80	80	15	5	14	102	78				
Centerville.....	W H Cory.....	640	100	740	520	100	620	120	60	50		2	5	75	33				
Dell Rapids.....	G F Hopkins.....	600	100	700	528	100	628	72	70	66	13	4	4	55	51				
Egan and Colman.....	H P Eberhart.....	525	50	575	515	50	565	10	60	55	8	3	4	65	45				
Elk Point.....	F T Nicholls.....	750	100	850	675	100	775	75	90	81	9	3	7	123	57				
Flandreau.....	G T Notson.....	700	150	850	700	150	850		60	60	8	4	4	65	55				
Gayville.....	W B Stewart.....	650	100	750	470	100	570	180	50	50	8		8	45	45				
Hartford and Prospect	John Kaye.....	540	100	640	540	100	640		70	70	8	2	4	60					
Hudson.....	W O Redfield.....	625		625	625		625		50	50	7	5	4	77	38				
Hurley.....	E W Akers.....	540	72	612	440	72	512	100	44	24			1	45					
Lennox.....	John Lewtas.....	590	60	650	590	60	650		50	50		10	10	75	50				
Lodi.....	G J Corwin.....	280	96	376	197	14	211	164	44	26	5	2	2	25	17				
Madison.....	J P Jenkins.....	500	200	1100	900	200	1100		90	90	16	16	13	12	71				
Montrose.....	Jeffery Martin.....				325		325		17					1	25				
Parker.....	C E Matteson.....	750	150	900	710	150	860	40	80	80	14	14	14	97	70				
Sioux Falls, First Church	W H Jordan.....	1200	400	1600	1200	400	1600	110	110	10	10	20	20	449	80				
Jordan Church.....	Nathan Fawell.....	600		600	520		520	80	56	56		4	8	53	56				
Circuit.....	A Jamieson.....				100		100		3				2	15					
East Sioux Falls.....	R B Beavis.....	535		535	497		497	38	60	59	8	2	2	2					
Vermillion.....	C E Hager.....	1000	250	1250	1000	250	1250		100	100		2	3	250	80				
Volin.....	Thomas Morris.....	500		500	460		460	40	60	60		1		40	32				
Yankton.....	Alfred Fowler.....	1050	240	1290	700	240	940	350	80	77	5	2	5	250	75				
Total.....		14840	2368	17208	13892	2286	16178	1418	1468	1405	152	80	137	137	1025				

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Statistics No. 3, Dakota Conference for 1896—Watertown District.

NAME OF CHARGE	NAME OF PASTOR	PASTOR'S SUPPORT						SUPPORT OF PRE. ELT		Support OF BISHOPS		CONF. CLM'T			Current Expense			
		CLAIMS			RECEIPTS			Amount Apport'ned	Amount Paid	Amount Apport'ned	Amount Paid	REC'D FROM			Church Sexton, fuel, etc.	Sunday School	Les- son leaves books, etc.	
		Salary	House Rent	Total	Salary	House Rent	Total					Deficiencies	Collections	Other Sources				Total
Arlington.....	J B Dibble.....	530	120	650	540	120	660		50	50		2	3	3	75	65		
Big Stone City.....	A J Northrup.....	275		275	275		275		30	30	6	6	6	6				
Bradley.....	J S Harkness.....	400	100	500	400	100	500		20	20	4	4	3	3	40	35		
Bristol.....	L L Lane.....	350		350	350		350		36	36	7	7	5	5	20	17		
Brookings.....	T H Youngman.....	1000	150	1150	1000	150	1150		70	70	5	5	11	11	120	114		
Clark.....	L McLean.....	700	100	800	700	100	800		60	60		2	10	10	75	45		
Clear Lake.....	H F Knight.....	425		425	375		375	50	32	22					15			
Elkton and Trenton.....	J W Peterson.....	400	100	500	299	100	399	101	50	26	8	1	20	8	28	125	90	
Gary.....	C O Walker.....																	
Henry.....	B C Sills.....	600	100	700	600	100	700		60	60		5	5	5	55	35		
Kampeska.....	S H Brown.....	390	60	450	340	60	400	50	40	26	8	4	1	1	25	20		
Lake Preston.....	I B Sevy.....				160		160		16	16			2	2	30	10		
Milbank.....	O Williams.....	800	84	884	650	84	734	150	60	53	3	2	3	3	125	100		
Twin Brooks.....	W E Grey.....	350	30	380	263	30	293	87	20	18	5				10	17		
Watertown.....	E P Hall.....	1200	300	1500	1200	300	1500		120	120	12	5	6	6	320	140		
Webster.....	D C McLean.....	600		600	600		600		48	45	8	8	33	33	90	60		
Willow Lakes and Hazel	J E Reynolds.....	500		500	379		375	121	50	50								
Wilnot.....	A D Dexter.....	450	100	550	450	100	550		40	20		2	5	5	40			
White.....	F A Burdick.....	850	150	1000	700	150	850	150	60	60		2	3	3	80	54		
Waubay.....	A C Bevers.....				93		93			10								
Total.....		9820	1394	11214	9374	1394	10768	709	862	792	66	55	114	10	124	1245	802	

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NAME OF CHARGE	MISSIONS			Board of Church Extension Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education	EDUCATION		American Bible Society	Woman's For. Miss. Society	Woman's Home Miss. Society	Episcopal Fund	Conference Claimants	General Conference Expenses	Asbury Hospital	Other Collections	Totals
	(a) Church	(b) Sunday School	Total				(a) Children's Fund	[b] Other Educational Objects									
Aberdeen.....	232	18	250	10	1	1	5	5	93	140		10		23	100	638	
Andover.....	8		8	1	1	1			3			1	1			17	
Ashton.....	5		5													5	
Bath and Columbia...	37	5	42	3	1	1	2	6	9	8		2	2		16	92	
Bangor.....	10	2	12	3			2	1				2	5			45	
Bowdle.....		13	13	4	1		2		8			2	2		14	32	
Britton.....	13	17	30	5			3	3	17			2	7		8	75	
Claremont and Putney.	23	3	26						9	13				57		105	
Conde.....	45		45	5	1	1	2	2	10	1		3	5			75	
DeVoe.....	30		30	5	1		3		11			3	5		1	59	
Doland.....	11	11	22	5				6	20			2				55	
Frederick & Westport.	23	5	28	4			2	5	10	2	2	2	2			55	
Groton.....	25	5	30	5	1	1	3		15	1	2	2	5		9	74	
Hecla.....	12		12	2			2		2	1			1			20	
Leola.....	12	3	15	1	1			1	1			1	1			21	
Langford.....	19	25	44	1				5					5			56	
Mansfield.....	17	3	20					5	3	15						43	
Mound City.....	18		18	4	1	2			2			3	8		13	52	
Northville.....	50	12	62	1	1	1	1			1			1	2		70	
Total.....	590	122	712	59	10	8	28	40	218	4	180	2	23	60	25	74	1589

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Alpena.....	10	38	48	10	1	1	4	5	25	1		4	22			29	150
Burdette.....	18		18						9			1	2				30
De Smet.....	25	25	50	8	2	2	5	25		1		5	2				102
Faulkton.....	66	6	72	9	2	2	5	2	21	1		5	3		2		124
Forest City.....	14		14	1			1		3			1					20
Gettysburg.....	29		29	1			1	4				1	1				37
Highmore and Blunt..	15	8	23						21								44
Hitchcock.....	49	8	57	16	2	1	9	32	1			8	4		12		142
Huron.....	107	36	143	7	2	1	5	4	0	3	33	7	10				275
Iroquois and Cavour...	12	3	15	1					10			2	1		9		38
Miller & St. Lawrence	20		20	1			1		5			2	1				30
Oneida.....	57	3	60	6	1	1	15	17	1			3	2				106
Pierre and East Pierre.	25	14	40	4				7	5	1		4	4			200	265
Redfield.....	47	20	67	5		1		25	1	17		2	4			60	182
Wessington & Wosey	26		26					25								33	84
Wessington Springs..	45	3	48	14	1	1	7	5	30	1	1	9	3				121
Winthrop.....	53		53	12	1	1	6	4	31	1		7	10		12		138
Total.....	619	164	783	95	12	11	59	56	319	12	51	1	61	69	13	346	1888

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NAME OF CHARGE	EDUCATION															Totals
	Missions	Board of church Extension Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedman's Aid and Southern Education			American Bible Society	Woman's For Miss Society	Woman's Home Miss Society	Episcopal Fund	Conference Claimants	General Conference Expenses	Asbury Hospital	Other Collections		
					(a) Children's Fund	(b) Other Educational Objects										
Alexandria.....	52	7	1	1	5		25	1	8	2	5				107	
Armour.....	25	1			1		15			1	2				45	
Artesian.....	3					5									8	
Bridgewater.....	13	2	1	1	2	5	3			2	2	4			35	
Edgerton.....	13	1			1	3	12								30	
Ethan.....	14					2									16	
Fulton.....	32	2		1	1	10	18			1	4				69	
Howard and Carthage.....	20	5	1	1	4	5	15	1		4	6	3	2	35	102	
Kimball & White Lake.....	16	1			2	10	14			2	1				46	
Mitchell.....	37	12	2	1	5	5	220	1	33	5	5			150	476	
Mt. Vernon.....	4	1				1	10			1					17	
Parkston and Tripp.....	40	7				3	20			3	1				74	
Plankinton.....	27	2	1		1	3	13	1		4	1				53	
Salem.....	33	3			2		8			1	1				48	
Scotland.....	15	4				3	10				1				33	
Tyndall & Springfield.....	30	3			2	5	16			4	5				65	
Woonsocket.....	37	8	1	1	4	2	22	1	6	7	5				94	
Total.....	411	59	7	6	30	62	421	5	47	37	39	7	2	185	1318	

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Alcester.....	12	2			2	6	1				2					25
Beresford.....	26	2	1	1	1		26					3				60
Canton.....	100	20	2	1	7	8	57	46			5	14			57	311
Centerville.....	20	5	1		3	5	20	12			2	5				75
Dell Rapids.....	52	9	1	1	5	3	21	11			4	4				112
Egan and Colman.....	36	3	1	1	1		10	1			3	4			7	67
Elk Point.....	40	8	1	1	3	3	10	19			3	7			6	102
Flandreau.....	60	6	1		4	2	25	20			4	4	11			137
Gayville.....	23	5			3		22					8				61
Hartford & Prospect.....	18	3			2	2	15				2	5				47
Hudson.....	22	8	1	1	2	1	10	1			5	4				55
Hurley.....	6	3					4					1				14
Lennox.....	30	10	1	1	5	3	27	1	40		2	10				130
Lodi.....	18	1			2		12				2	2				37
Madison.....	148	21	2	2	7	4	23	3	30		13	12		11	9	285
Montrose.....	3	1					1					1				6
Parker.....	100	20	1	1	7	5	36	28			14	14				226
Sioux Falls, First Ch.....	300	30	1	2	10	10	100	1	53		10	20				537
Jordan Church.....	40	8	1	1	5		20	1			4	8				88
Circuit.....	5						2					2				9
East Sioux Falls.....	15	3	1	1	2		5				2	2				31
Vermillion.....	50	5			5	5	20		33		2	3				123
Volin.....	19						10		1		1					31
Yankton.....	30	10	1	1	4		15	1			2	5	1			70
Total.....	1173	183	17	15	80	57	486	11	293	82	138	1	22	79		2637

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NAME OF CHARGE	EDUCATION																Totals
	Missions	Board of Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Freedmen's Aid and Southern Education	EDUCATION		American Bible Society	Woman's For. Miss. Society	Woman's Home Miss. Society	Episcopal Fund	Conference Claimants	General Conference Expenses	Asbury Hospital	Other Collections		
						(a) Children's Fund	(b) Other Educational Objects										
Arrington.....	40	20	1	1	4			40	15	1	2	3				138	
Big Stone City.....	22	9			1			20			6	6	6			70	
Bristol.....	26	3	1		2		3	1	5	7	5				27	80	
Brookings.....	147	5	1	1	1	2	30	61		5	11				60	324	
Bradley.....	46	10	1	1	5	3	15	1	1	1	4	3				91	
Clear Lake.....	11												5			16	
Clark.....	50	5	1	1	4	3	16	23	2	10					57	172	
Elkton and Trenton.....	16	2	1	1		2	1	1	1	1	1		1			28	
Gary.....	13															13	
Henry.....	40	3	1	1	2	5	15	1	4	5	5	3	3			85	
Kampeska.....	20	5					10			4	1					40	
Lake Preston.....	15					3	1				2	2	3	4	5	33	
Milbank.....	45	5			2	3			2	2	3				15	77	
Twin Brooks.....	6	2				5			2	1						18	
Watertown.....	145	15	1	1	10	7	50	3	125	5	6				68	436	
Webster.....	27			1	5		25	1	2	3	8	8				80	
Willow Lakes and Hazel.....	25				1		5			1	2					34	
Wilmot.....	20	3			2	3				2	5	1				36	
White.....	12	8	1	1	2		5			2	3					34	
Total.....	726	95	9	9	41	36	236	8	241	7	56	73	21	15	232	1805	

Comparative Table and Summary of Statistics. ARZA P. JAMES, Statistical Secretary.

DISTRICT.	Year	Members and Probationers	Baptisms	No. of Churches	Value of Churches	No. of Parsonages	Value of Parson- ages	Sunday Schools	Officers and Teachers	Scholars all ages	Ministerial Sup- port
Aberdeen	1895	1761	110	25	\$45900	8	\$4875	42	378	2012	\$8443
	1896	1409	91	25	44800	9	5200	43	335	1868	8577
*Gain or loss.		—352	—19		—1100	1	325	1	—43	—144	134
Huron	1895	1709	121	23	51200	12	6125	41	344	2137	9446
	1896	1680	132	24	45150	11	5910	44	397	1961	9303
*Gain or loss.		—29	11	1	—6050	—1	—215	3	53	—176	—143
Mitchell	1895	1522	144	25	43300	10	5975	41	366	1825	7633
	1896	1687	128	26	43100	10	6000	39	367	2180	8109
*Gain or loss.		165	—14	1	—200		975	—2	1	355	476
Sioux Falls	1895	2783	279	35	79380	19	22810	39	408	2694	17275
	1896	2891	149	35	75180	18	23710	41	455	3225	17803
*Gain or loss.		108	—130		—4200	—1	900	2	47	531	528
Watertown	1895	1723	176	25	64900	11	8100	30	301	1930	9198
	1896	1746	123	25	63850	11	8950	37	378	2175	11739
*Gain or loss.		23	—53		—1050		850	7	77	245	2541
Grand Totals	1895	9498	830	133	284680	60	47885	193	1797	10598	51994
	1896	9413	623	135	272080	59	49770	204	1932	11409	55531
Gain or loss.		—75	—207	2	—12600	—1	1885	11	134	811	3537

*Loss indicated by dash.

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Comparative Table and Summary of Benevolences for 1896. DUANE RIFENBARK, Treasurer.

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DISTRICTS	Year	Missionary Society	Church Extension	Sunday School Union	Tract Society	Fidman's Aid and Southern Educ'n.	Education		Bible Society	Woman's Foreign	Miss'nary Society	Woman's Home	Miss'nary Society	Episcopal Fund	Conference	Claimants	General Confer- ence Expenses	Hospital Asbury	Other Collections	Recapitulation
							Children's Fund	Other Educa- tional Objects												
Aberdeen	1896	712	59	10	8	28	40	218	4	180	2		23	60	25	74	145	1589		
	1895	565	94	12	8	41	89	387	12	155	5		31	64	23	4		1490		
*Inc. Dec.		147	-35	-2		-13	-49	-169	-8	25	-3		-8	-4	2	70	145	99		
Huron	1896	783	95	12	11	59	56	319	12	51	1		61	69		13	346	1888		
	1895	402	56	7	6	29	33	256	5	87	8		41	40	19	3		992		
*Inc. Dec.		381	39	5	5	30	23	63	7	-36	-7		20	29	-19	10	346	896		
Mitchell	1896	411	59	7	6	30	62	421	5	47			37	39	7	2	185	1318		
	1895	233	43	9	4	26	41	401	1	38	2		26	45	14	3		886		
*Inc. Dec.		178	16	-2	2	4	21	20	4	9	-2		11	-5	-7	-1	185	432		
Sioux Falls	1896	1173	183	17	15	80	57	486	11	293			82	138	1	22	79	2637		
	1895	1006	143	19	18	135	69	418	11	301	1		86	92	63	8	25	2395		
*Inc. Dec.		167	40	-2	-3	-55	-12	68		-8	1		-4	46	-52	14	54	242		
Watertown	1896	726	95	9	9	41	36	236	8	241	7		56	73	21	15	232	1805		
	1895	673	77	8	5	42	44	213	4	164	5		40	70	23	3	4	1375		
*Inc. Dec.		53	18	1	4	-1	-8	23	4	77	2		16	3	-2	12	228	430		
Conference	1896	3805	491	55	49	238	251	1680	40	812	10		251	379	54	126	937	9237		
	1895	2879	413	55	41	273	276	1675	33	745	21		224	311	142	21	29	7138		
Inc. Dec.		926	78		8	-35	-25	5	7	67	-11		35	68	-88	105	958	2099		

*Decrease indicated by dash.

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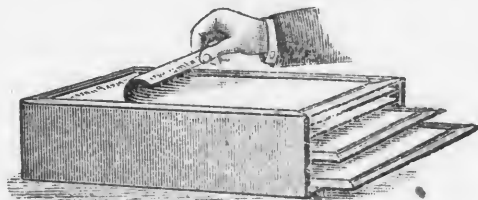
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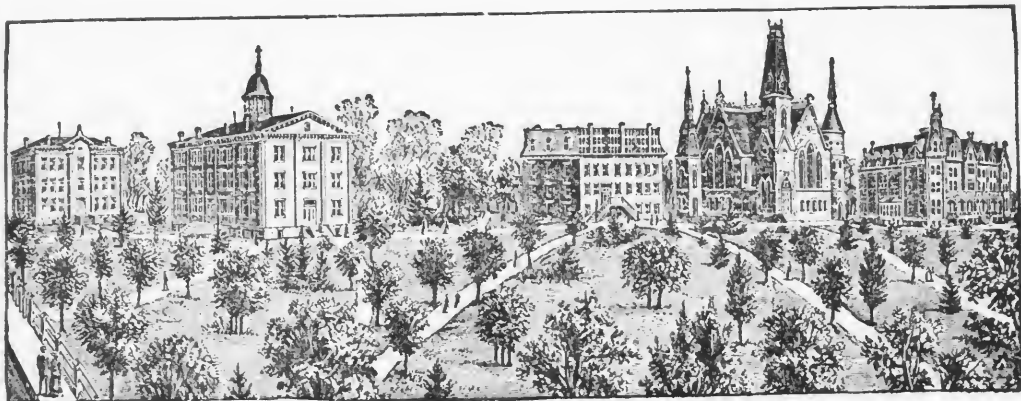
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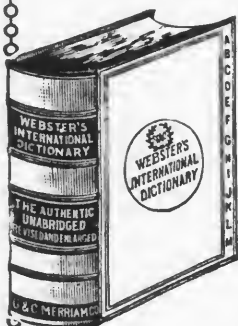
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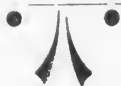
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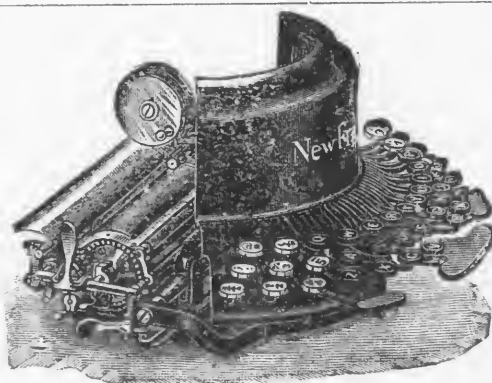
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